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130th BVS Training Unit

(Training completed Oct. 2, 1977)

Nicholas K. Butler, of Mt. Morris, Ill., to Pleasant View Farm, Bristol, N.H.

Elizabeth G. Conover, of Middletown, Pa., to Friendship Day Care Center, Hutchinson, Kans.

Annette S. Dawson, of Troy, Ohio, to The Irish Council of Churches, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Sally A. Draper, of Boonsboro, Md., to Brethren Village, Neffsville, Pa.

David W. Frantz and Nadine Pence Frantz, of Oak Brook, Ill., to Peace & Higher Education Program, Elgin, Ill.

Marcia J. Graybill, of Baltimore, Md., to Koinos House, Adrian, Mich.

Patricia S. Hall, of Nappanee, Ind., to Friendship House Day Care Center, Hatfield, Pa.

Ann Maguire, of Belfast, Northern Ireland, to Pathway House, Canton, Ohio

Judith E. Neidigh, of Hershey, Pa., to the Palms, Sebring, Fla.

Kevin O. Pobst, of Orondo, Wash., to Middle East Program, Jericho, Jordan

Renee L. Richards, of Stanley, Wis., to Mother Goose Child Development Center, Elgin, Ill.

Donna M. Ritchey, of Mexico, Ind., to Person Awareness Program, Bridgewater, Va.

Stanley A. Schechter, of La Verne, Calif., to Lititz Community Center, Lititz, Pa.

Bonnie K. Thomas, of Kansas City, Mo., to Peter Becker Community, Harleysville, Pa.

Mark E. Yount, of Finksburg, Md., to Koinos House, Adrian, Mich.

Ecumenical Service

Patricia Mason, Elkhart City, Northern Indiana, 2-year term of volunteer service with the Mennonite Board of Missions, September 1977

Steve and Doris Nolt (Lancaster, Pa.) 1978 in Kenya as missionary teachers under the auspices of African Inland Mission

Licensing/Ordination

Tom Andrews, licensed Oct. 30, 1977, Rice Lake, Illinois/Wisconsin

Elizabeth Detrick, ordained Oct. 30, 1977, Stanley, Illinois/Wisconsin

David Eller, licensed June 11, 1977, District Board, Northern Ohio

Paul Ellis, ordained Oct. 23, 1977, Blue Ridge, Southeastern

David W. Frantz, ordained Oct. 30, 1977, York Center, Illinois/Wisconsin

Lloyd Marvin Goode, licensed Nov. 6, 1977, Dranesville, Mid-Atlantic

Claude E. Hall, licensed Oct. 23, 1977, Blue Ridge, Southeastern

Richard Heckman, licensed Oct.

1977, Broadfording, Mid-Atlantic
John C. Hoffman, licensed Oct. 1977, Broadfording, Mid-Atlantic
John P. Layman, ordained June 19, 1977, York, First Church, Southern Pennsylvania

Gerald R. Manning, ordained Oct. 23, 1977, Pleasant View, Virginia

Helen Martin, licensed April 24, 1977, Lakewood, Northern Ohio

Paul Martin, licensed April 24, 1977, Lakewood, Northern Ohio

Jerry Naff, licensed Oct. 9, 1977, Cedar Bluff, Virginia

Steven P. Petcher, licensed Aug. 19, 1977, District Conference, Southeastern

Marian Scholten, ordained Oct. 23, 1977, Coventry, Atlantic North-east

James Taylor, licensed Oct. 9, 1977, Pleasant Hill, West Marva

Samuel L. Weber-Han, ordained Oct. 23, 1977, Warrensburg, Missouri

Pastoral Placements

Charles Durham, from other denomination, to Prairie View, Western Plains

Larry Little, from Libertyville, Northern Plains, to Iowa River, Northern Plains

Virgil Weimer, from Lena, Illinois/Wisconsin, to Batavia, Illinois/Wisconsin

Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Belser, Elizabethtown, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns, Surrey, N.D., 50

Mr. and Mrs. A. Joseph Caricofe, Bridgewater, Va., 50

Mr. and Mrs. John Crosscope, Winter Park, Fla., 61

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Endsley, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Flora, Sebring, Fla., 65

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kester, North Manchester, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Kira-cofe, Dayton, Va., 62

Mr. and Mrs. Medford Neher, Pompano Beach, Fla., 58

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Porter-field, Sebring, Fla., 64

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shively, Modesto, Calif., 66

Mr. and Mrs. Silas H. Shoemaker, Ambler, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wine, Orlando, Fla., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Verl Wright, New Carlisle, Ohio, 60

Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Zook, Rushville, Ind., 58

Deaths

Barnum, Violet, Midland, Mich., June 2, 1977

Bastin, Fred, 79, Peace Valley, Mo., Oct. 22, 1977

Beard, Nancy, 86, Fostoria, Ohio, Sept. 30, 1977

Bloom, Walter Irvin, 90, Boonsboro, Md., Sept. 23, 1977

Bowman, Maggie Rodeffer, 93, Port Republic, Va., Feb. 3, 1977

Brubaker, Ralph, 76, North

Manchester, Ind., June 4, 1977

Brumbaugh, J. Lee, 79, Martinsburg, Pa., Sept. 26, 1977

Carbaugh, Ethel, 63, Johnstown, Pa., July 12, 1977

Carter, Forrest Alonzo Jr., 60, Virginia Beach, Va., July 7, 1977

Casciotti, Robert, 21, Johnstown, Pa., July 20, 1977

Castagnola, Irene, 72, Johnstown, Pa., Aug. 7, 1977

Creutz, Bertha, 90, Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 8, 1977

Crowder, Robert, 75, Harper Woods, Mich., Aug. 29, 1977

Curry, Leon Sr., Staunton, Va., Sept. 30, 1977

Dick, Jacob, 60, La Verne, Calif., Sept. 16, 1977

Divers, Effie, 86, Roanoke, Va., Sept. 19, 1977

Felix, Robert, 62, Denver, Colo., Oct. 18, 1977

Hawbaker, Lee, 79, Copemish, Mich., May 31, 1977

Helsel, Sherman R., 69, Woodbury, Pa., Sept. 25, 1977

Hoover, Allen, 93, Smithville, Ohio, Oct. 22, 1977

Howard, Minnie M., 81, Leeton, Mo., Oct. 10, 1977

Hull, Ada, 80, Coopersburg, Pa., Aug. 31, 1977

Jamison, Gary, 91, Quinter, Kans., Aug. 28, 1977

Johnson, George, Sebring, Fla., Oct. 15, 1977

Keltner, Perry, 80, Lena, Ill., Aug. 15, 1977

Kennedy, Ivy, 78, Kansas City, Kans., Oct. 8, 1977

Key, Connie, 80, Roanoke, Va., Sept. 18, 1977

Kinney, Rose M., 87, Akron, Ohio, Oct. 10, 1977

Kanzie, Maude, 90, Denver, Colo., Sept. 15, 1977

Maxwell, Lottie, 77, East Canton, Ohio, Oct. 12, 1977

McKelvey, Ethel E., 80, Kuttanning, Pa., Oct. 1, 1977

McMillen, Virgil, Mexico, Ind., Sept. 15, 1977

Mischler, Wesley, 92, Eureka, Ill., Oct. 19, 1977

Mumma, L. G., 70, Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 30, 1977

Myers, Lindsey P., Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 18, 1977

Nicely, Mabelle, 70, Defiance, Ohio, Oct. 13, 1977

Piesen, Beth, 74, Lanark, Ill., Sept. 1, 1977

Reber, Ina, La Verne, Calif., Sept. 4, 1977

Rembold, John J., Oakland, Md., Aug. 24, 1977

Searner, Harvey, 97, Glendora, Calif., Sept. 25, 1977

Stayer, Paul A., 86, Roaring Spring, Pa., Sept. 2, 1977

Sawyer, Robert E., 74, Windsor, Mo., Aug. 6, 1977

Weaver, Dayton, 95, Casa de Modesto, Calif., Oct. 16, 1977

Webster, Cora, 37, Quinter, Kans., Sept. 4, 1977

Wheeler, Gertrude Alice, 61, Oronville, Wash., Oct. 14, 1977

Wike, Millie, 93, North Manchester, Ind., June 19, 1977

Willoughby, William A., 87, Copemish, Mich., Aug. 7, 1977

Wright, Richard, 69, Roanoke, Va., Oct. 4, 1977

the evangelist lands him in court where his claims are put to their ultimate test.

It should be stressed that, besides being a cute film, *Oh, God!* is an affirmation of transcendence that is rare in the popular media. It is a *theistic* film. God exists. And God hears our prayers. In a final scene, Burns reminds Denver to pray. "I may not talk to you again . . . but you talk to me, I'll listen. . . ."

Those who go to *Oh, God!* looking for heavy theology will be disappointed, as will those who go looking for blasphemy. *Oh, God!* is a pleasantly done film which confronts us with some unpleasant realities about ourselves and our relationship to the Almighty.

The production values of the film are uneven. Burns is fine as a manifestation of the supreme being. Denver is duly confused and excited as his messenger. Terri Garr delivers an appropriate befuddlement as his wife. An effective supporting role is offered by Paul Sorvino as the evangelist.

Director Carl Reiner is much more comfortable with comedy than with drama, but at some points some of the best comedy bits are understated, and some other opportunities are missed altogether. The script (written by Reiner and Larry Gelbart) doesn't help matters much, as some points of credibility seem a bit strained. For instance, though God eschews miracles as "special effects," which undermine faith rather than support it, he still resorts to such effects at several key points.

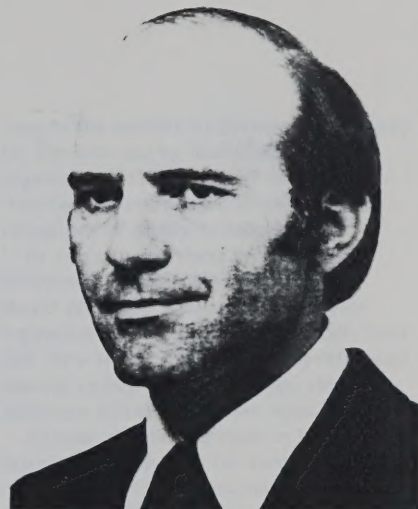
Oh, God! is a rare film for more than its subject. It portrays a healthy, happy home life and marriage, does not rely on sex or violence to hold the viewer's attention, and has no particularly colorful language. One must suppose that its P-G rating was earned as a result of its subject matter being deemed a bit confusing for young children. (It is also clear that a P-G rating garners a larger adult audience than a G rating anyway.)

Go to *Oh, God!*, see, and enjoy. It is a message that we need to hear, and it is in an understandable and palatable form. And you'll never feel the same way about avocados again! □

Stewart M. Hoover is consultant for media education advocacy on the Communications Team of the General Services Commission.

by Wil Nolen

Call it SHARE-ing



On my credenza in the SHARE office sits a lump of coal. Mounted unpretentiously on a slab of wood and carrying a proper plaque, it is a unique tribute to SHARE and the Church of the Brethren. This simple symbol of appreciation comes from a community group in Kentucky which started its own coal mine. A seed-money grant from SHARE made it possible.

Located near Hindman, Ky., the mine is sponsored by an indigenous organization known as the Knott County Citizens for Social and Economic Justice. The CSEJs are community unions located throughout many counties of southeast Kentucky and southwest Virginia. Concerned with the needs and rights of mountain people, they have been active in education, health, and food concerns. Their interest in coal reflects the same squeeze on home-heating fuel experienced in other parts of the nation. There's an abundance of coal in these communities but many families can't afford to buy it even though they may live on top of it, literally.

Most coal is controlled by national and multinational companies and marketed to commercial interests. That which is available for house coal sells as high as \$55 per ton. The CSEJ mine will be a people's mine with a greater percentage of coal available as house coal. It will sell for \$20 a ton or less depending on the ability of families to pay.

I went to Hindman to see the mine and meet with local leaders. What I thought would be just another routine staff visit proved to be far more special. The notes which follow were taken from my in-house report to staff colleagues. They attempt to capture something of my feelings and learnings, not just about a mine but also about the giving/receiving dynamic that is SHARE:

Journeyed to the mine with one of the organizers; he drove a four-wheel drive pick-up. My rent-a-car could not have traversed the steep and slick, freshly bull-

dozed passage to the mine entrance. Forging a creek up the hollow a ways, we encountered a loaded 30-ton truck from the strip job on the other side of the mountain. As we backed to a spot where both vehicles could pass, my companion grumbled about the strip mine that would completely deface the east flank of the mountain. By comparison, he said, the people's mine would take only the coal and leave the mountain. "We could have stripped our coal much more cheaply," he explained, "but cheap fuel is not worth raped mountain sides, polluted streams, and mud and rock slides that threaten the homes we're trying to heat."

Donned a hard hat with light and rode into the mine on the mobile dump scoop; I had immediate fear (a variety of phobias no doubt) that I would bump my head on the low ceiling, four feet high or less in some places. So I contorted in several directions at the same time, all the while trying to keep my clothes unsoiled even though I was sitting in the middle of the residue from the last dump. What a dude! The mine foreman, my riding companion, kept shouting "low ceiling" . . . as if I hadn't noticed. Seriously, the cramped condition was one of the hazards I didn't expect. The miners get used to working on their knees or butts, or lying completely prone all day long. I chose to squat but my cramped legs only lasted a half-hour.

Observed the mining process. Coal mined in a blast operation is pulverized (bag dust) and is only good for commercial purposes, but that's where the money is. The group hopes to mine 60 percent for commercial concerns (sold through the local tippie) and 40 percent for house coal. . . . House coal must be in lumps. Lump coal needs to be cut, not blasted. SHARE is presently considering a second grant for the down payment on a cutting machine.

Returned to the mine entrance to find it

was storming too badly to go outside. Squatting there on already sore haunches, I chatted with the 20-year-old scoop driver. He talked about how important this job was to him and his young wife and child. He needed to make the payments on his second-hand mobile home. He also related how many local people, many of whom live near the mines of the big coal companies, had their hopes in the success of this mine. Not only will it heat their homes, but it will fuel their desire for autonomy from the clutches of the big companies that control their lives.

Looking at my companion's coal-black face with tobacco stains down his chin and beard, hunched in a mine that I really disliked, I confess feelings like "There but for the grace of God, go I." After all, I was raised in these mountains myself. But there was a special pride in the style of the scoop driver and he wasn't about to appear beholden to the money guy from the national church office. He had a good job that he did well and believed was important, important not only to his young family and the community, but to the system that runs on the energy of his mine. I was the recipient as much as he. We call that SHARE-ing.

The rain didn't stop and I was tired, sore, and dirty, with a plane to catch. Hurling down the muddy slope I fell (of course), then got stuck driving out of the mountain and missed my plane (of course). But it didn't really matter, the day was too special. □

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the House of Representatives now, having gone through hearings in the Communications Subcommittee late last summer. There is still time for interested individuals to write to their representatives, and to acquaint themselves with the implications of this legislation.

In order to take a specific stand on the great need in this area, the General Board of the Church of the Brethren passed a resolution at its June meeting supporting some specific changes in the Communications Act, but opposing the direction of the Van Deerlin-Frey bill.

The Board resolution said, in part that "... a great need exists for people to participate in the broadcast communications process at a variety of levels. In the United States, a public trusteeship of the airwaves

is the basis of our system of broadcasting. The broadcaster, as a public trustee, must depend on input in licensure. Members of the public must, in their turn, live up to their responsibility of providing reasoned, helpful input to the process."

The action of the General Board supported some specific adjustments in the Act which would require broadcasters to verify the quality of programming service they provide to their communities, make clear standards known as to what constitutes programming in the public interest, encourage face to face negotiations between stations and the communities they serve, and a number of other provisions to guarantee a greater measure of local input into programming decision-making. In addition, the Board resolution asks that por-

tions of the satellite frequencies be set aside for low-cost use by non-profit organizations, and suggests that a "spectrum fee" be established to support the operations of public broadcasting.

As you can see, there are some differences between what the General Board proposed, and what the present legislation in Congress may eventually look like. Now is an excellent time for interested persons to begin to think about the implications of this important legislation.

Anyone who is interested in background materials or copies of the General Board resolution on the Communications Act may write to the Brethren Media Project, 1451 Dundee Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120. □

Stewart M. Hoover is consultant for media education/advocacy on the Communications Team.

turning points

Pastoral Placements

Thomas E. Auker, from Mt. Zion Road, Atlantic Northeast, to Mt. Bethel, Shenandoah

Craig R. Brown, from Wakeman's Grove, Shenandoah, to East Nimishillen, Northern Ohio

Edward Carl to Scalp Level, Western Pennsylvania

Fred Cline, from secular, to Interim Mill Creek, Southeastern

Tom Fralin, from Middle River, Shenandoah, to Brownsville, Mid-Atlantic

William Gahn, from Independence, Western Plains, to Walnut, Northern Indiana

Leroy Hulvey, from Hiner/Valley Bethel, Chimney Run, Shenandoah, to Newport, Shenandoah

Richard Milne, from other denomination, to Fredericksburg, Northern Plains

Larry Moreland, from Osage, Western Plains, to Poplar Grove/Pleasant Valley, Southern Ohio

Byrl Eugene Shamer, from Mathias, Shenandoah, to Moxham, Western Pennsylvania

Edward K. Ziegler, from retirement, to Flower Hill, Mid-Atlantic

Licensing Ordination

Gordon Lynn Brumaker, ordained July 9, 1978, Middle District Church of the Brethren, Southern Ohio

Susan L. Eikenberry, licensed July 9, 1978, Bethel Church of the Brethren, Carleton, Western Plains

Doris J. Fawl, licensed May 28, 1978, Washington Creek Church of the Brethren, Western Plains

Ronald E. Good, licensed May 21, 1978, Spring Grove Church of the Brethren, Atlantic Northeast

Ruth Jean Keeney, licensed June 4, 1978, Harrisburg Church of the Brethren, Atlantic Northeast

Dean M. Lengel, licensed June 4, 1978, Schuylkill Church of the Brethren, Atlantic Northeast

David F. Myer, licensed May 21, 1978, Spring Grove Church, Atlantic Northeast

Roy S. Wenger, Jr., licensed June 4, 1978, Myerstown Church of the Brethren, Atlantic Northeast

Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corle, Martinsburg, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cripe, Goshen, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Eichberger, York, Pa., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Garber, Roanoke, Va., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Garner, Huntingdon, Pa., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Gary, Erie, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Geh-

man, Windber, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Henry, Martinsburg, Pa., 55

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hoover, Albany, Ore., 61

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hufaker, Greenville, Ohio, 55

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver L. Landis, Yuba City, Calif., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur H. Lauver, Ottawa, Kan., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lehman, McPherson, Kan., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Marchand, McPherson, Kan., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Marsh, Boswell, Pa., 53

Mr. and Mrs. Colvin Miller, Roaring Spring, Pa., 61

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralph Miller, Everett, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Miller, Bremen, Ind., 57

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil L. Morningstar, Sturgis, Mich., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Oren, Greenville, Ohio, 50

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ranck, Lewistown, Pa., 52

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Ritchey, Loysburg, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rockenbaugh, Goshen, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shriver, Hamover, Pa., 52

Deaths

Baldwin, Maudie, 80, Tempe, Ariz., June 12, 1978

Blocher, Evelyn, 75, Akron, Ohio, Feb. 8, 1977

Boday, Hazel, 70, Fostoria, Ohio, July 6, 1978

Bowman, Mary White, 96, Sebring, Fla., June 19, 1978

Broom, Laddie Gene, 54, Portis, Kan., July 5, 1978

Burton, Ella, Dayton, Ohio, Apr. 21, 1978

Christian, Dessie, 92, West Milton, Ohio, Feb. 8, 1978

Erbaugh, Omy, 93, Grand Rapids, Mich., June 1, 1978

Fore, Mrs. Ocie, 98, Quinter, Kan., Apr. 20, 1978

Fox, Sallie, 84, Gettysburg, Pa., Aug. 21, 1976

Furlong, Emily, 95, West Milton, Ohio, Apr. 20, 1978

Gates, Ada, 82, Barberton, Ohio, May 21, 1977

George, Rose, 73, Stoytown, Pa., May 28, 1978

Gingrich, Maude, 66, Stewartstown, Pa., May 21, 1978

Guthrie, James S., 96, Dayton, Ohio, June 2, 1978

Hennerich, Ralph, 55, West Milton, Ohio, Jan. 23, 1978

Hogan, Ruth, 52, La Verne, Calif., May 11, 1978

Inloes, May L., 90, Quinter, Kan., May 19, 1978

Johnson, Dottie Ann Eyer, 46, Schaumburg, Ill., June 16, 1978

Johnson, Mae B., 87, Roanoke, Va., May 27, 1978

Judy, Hannah, 94, North Manchester, Ind., June 8, 1978

Lee, Madeline, 63, Fostoria, Ohio, June 11, 1978

Miller, Lela Moyer, 86, Clearwater, Fla., July 30, 1978

Miller, Nellie, 84, Piqua, Ohio,

May 31, 1978

Mishler, Hazel, 76, West Milton, Ohio, May 22, 1978

Mullett, Anna, 85, Akron, Ohio, Aug. 29, 1977

Mullett, Cleve, 91, Akron, Ohio, Feb. 26, 1977

Norris, Chloe E., 80, West Milton, Ohio, June 15, 1978

Osborn, Samson, 39, Duncansville, Pa., June 4, 1978

Palkowsky, Yarrow A., 87, Quinter, Kan., May 14, 1978

Parr, Ruth, Ashley, Ind., June 9, 1978

Pepple, Mary, 92, Woodbury, Pa., May 2, 1978

Petcher, Leona, 60, Citronelle, Ala., July 8, 1978

Pickett, Jesse, 83, Duncansville, Pa., June 13, 1978

Ploeger, Maggie, 97, Lamark, Ill., July 2, 1978

Porter, Marie, 63, Brooklyn, Iowa, May 17, 1978

Rantz, John, 62, Pierceton, Ind., May 13, 1978

Reed, Ada M., 90, Kittanning, Pa., April 10, 1977

Reed, Ausby, Floyd, Va., September, 1977

Reed, Flora B., 84, Bel Air, Md., Jan. 11, 1978

Replogle, Howard, 92, Woodbury, Pa., March 17, 1978

Ries, Fay, 38, Akron, Ohio, May 26, 1978

Roberts, Flaura, 62, Havasu City, Ariz., March 15, 1977

Robertson, Bertha C., 75, Richardson, Tex., June 20, 1978

Rockenbough, Evelyn, 55, Goshen, Ind., June 2, 1978

The lighter side of Conference

Each year as we sort through the Annual Conference photos, we feel frustration at not being able to use the many good photos that seem to carry messages which perhaps were not apparent to the subjects. This year we finally decided that such photographs could stand by themselves, without being tied to our Conference report. So here we share a selection of our best ones. Perhaps they carry a different message for each reader, but for us, this is what they seem to be saying. —THE EDITORS



Well, if you didn't, who did?



Wake me when the hearing's over.



It's your laughter, my dear. Can't you soften it?



And six feet tall and wearing a ski mask?



I'll have you know we don't joke about ERA in this town.

134th BVS Orientation Unit

(Orientation completed Aug. 5, 1978)

Norma Angel from Utrecht, Holland, to United Presbyterian Church, Gary, Ind.

Anne Bowman from Winchester, Va., to East Side Multi-Service Center, Indianapolis, Ind.

Charles Eitzweiler from State College, Pa., to East Side Multi-Service Center, Indianapolis, Ind.

Kristin Flory from Xenia, Ohio, to an overseas project in Austria.

Thad Henry from East Greenwich, R.I., to Area Youth Ministries, Indianapolis, Ind.

Cheryl Myers from Lima, Ohio, to the Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.

Stephen Newcomer from Rocky Ford, Colo., to World Peace Tax Fund, Washington, D.C.

George Nooyen from Green Bay, Wis., to Skierniewice, Poland.

Colleen Shully from Annville, Pa., to Kuhn Memorial Hospital, Vicksburg, Miss.

Dan Trachsel from Sugar Creek, Ohio, to Camp Eder, Fairfield, Pa.

Shirley Whiteside from Bettendorf, Iowa, to United Faith Ministries, Denver, Colo.

Licensing/ Ordination

Allen J. Baker, Jr., licensed July 23, 1978, Snake Spring, Middle Pennsylvania

Bradley Kent Bucher, licensed July 23, 1978, Hartsville, Northern Ohio

Gene Alan Barry, ordination accepted, July 16, 1977, Northern Plains

Terry Dwight Crickenberger, licensed July 30, 1978, Waynesboro, Shenandoah

Glen Hopkins, licensed July 22, 1978, Lawman Valley, Southeastern

Glen Leroy Hulvey, ordained July 30, 1978, Staunton, Shenandoah

Gerald Peter Keegan, licensed July 30, 1978, Pittsburg, Southern Ohio

Larry Shelton Kemp, received ordination from United Methodist Church, July 15, 1978, Pacific Southwest

Heary George Landis, licensed July 16, 1978, Brethrenvalley, Western Pennsylvania

Wallace Bell Landes, Jr., ordained July 30, 1978, Waynesboro, Shenandoah

Glen Hershberger Mitchell, ordained August 6, 1978, Martinsburg, Middle Pennsylvania

Lois M. Wenger, licensed, July 16, 1978, Middletown, Southern Ohio

Pastoral Placements

William Bosler, from secular, to Miami, First, Florida-Puerto Rico

Patrick Chaffin, from Flint, Michigan, to Cedar Lake, Northern Indiana

Sam Chierian, from Round Hill, Trout Run, Mid-Atlantic, to Arlington, Mid-Atlantic, interim

Donald O. Clay, from retirement, to Laurel Branch/Beaver Creek, Virginia

Ned W. Crumpacker, from Roanoke, Ninth St., Virginia, to Bassett, Virginia

Ron Dalton, from student/other denomination, to St. Joseph, Missouri, interim

Kenneth Davis, to Center, Western Pennsylvania

Wayne E. Eberly, from interim, Harrisburg, First, Atlantic Northeast, to regular

Jeffrey Finkbinder, from Mountville, Atlantic Northeast, to Empire, Pacific Southwest

Clinton Firstbrook, from other denomination, to Maple Grove, Illinois-Wisconsin, interim

Terry Hatfield, from secular, to Liberty, Illinois-Wisconsin

Michael Hodson, from Pine Creek, Northern Indiana, to Dayton, Prince of Peace, Southern Ohio

Benjamin Johnson, from other denomination, to Chippewa Valley, Illinois-Wisconsin, interim

John B. Johnson, from Beech Run, Middle Pennsylvania, to Nanty Glo, Western Pennsylvania

Richard Knarr, from Sugar Creek, South-Central Indiana, to Pleasant View, South-Central Indiana

Robert W. Knechel, Sr., from secular, to Fresno, Pacific Southwest

John H. McFarland, from Osceola, Northern Indiana and other denomination, to Syracuse, Northern Indiana

Alan E. and Kathleen Miller (team ministry), from Menomonee Seminary, to Hatfield, Atlantic Northeast

Tim Morphew, to Turkey Creek, Northern Indiana

Paul E. Myers, from Pleasant View, Northern Ohio, to Freeburg, Northern Ohio

Vernon S. Powell, from Flora, South-Central Indiana, to Bachelor Run, South-Central Indiana

Marvin G. Reeves, from secular, to Claysburg, Middle Pennsylvania

Beth Sherman, from supply, to Sam's Creek, Mid-Atlantic

Merlin Shull, from Ecuador, to Dayton, Shenandoah

James Simmons, from Cedar Creek, Northern Indiana, to Pine Creek, Northern Indiana

Harry and Ada Spaeth (team ministry), from other denomination, to Hollidaysburg, Middle Pennsylvania

Mike Titus, to Klamath Falls, Oregon-Washington

J. C. Wine, from secular, to Ephrata, Atlantic Northeast, interim

Burton Wolf, from student, to West Alexandria, Southern Ohio

Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adkins, Mexico, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baile, Warrensburg, Mo., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Burket, Martinsburg, Pa., 52

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Case, Seattle, Wash., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Garber, Waynesboro, Va., 50

Mr. and Mrs. George Heeter, Elkhart, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Holsinger, Martinsburg, Pa., 53

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hughes, Tonasket, Wash., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jessup, Union City, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. I. Harvey Kagarise, Martinsburg, Pa., 52

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Lehman, Windber, Pa., 57

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McDanel, Portis, Kan., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Easley Naylor, Johnstown, Pa., 56

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Plunkett, Troy, Ohio, 70

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Risser, Bethel, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Ocal Robins, North Manchester, Ind., 55

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sollenberger, North Manchester, Ind., 62

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Wareham, Roaring Spring, Pa., 55

Mr. and Mrs. Max Widdowson, Clymer, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williar, Westminster, Md., 60

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Couser, E. Friend, 79, Greenville, Ohio, May 6, 1978

Craun, Caroline, 84, Waynesboro, Va., May 26, 1978

Cripe, Ethel, 94, Winter Park, Fla., June 16, 1978

Crull, Roy, 75, Wabash, Ind., Oct. 19, 1977

Custer, Irvin, 61, Wabash, Ind., May 25, 1978

Decker, Paul E., 62, Waynesboro, Pa., July 29, 1978

Douglas, Sammie M., 72, Kingsport, Tenn., July 15, 1978

Gnagy, Barbara, 74, Waterloo, Iowa, June 30, 1978

Greiner, Mac E., 57, Mt. Joy, Pa., June 12, 1978

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Nelson, Blanche E., 89, Hollidaysburg, Pa., July 22, 1978

Pepple, S. Dale, 65, Everett, Pa., Apr. 27, 1977

Perrin, Oscar J., 84, Hollidaysburg, Pa., June 16, 1978

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Reit, Harm, 73, Stanley, Wis., June 11, 1978

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Ruby, Helen Early, 60, Westminster, Md., Dec. 1, 1977

Rucker, Mary, 90, Polo, Ill., May 28, 1978

Rupel, Edna, 99, North Liberty, Ind., July 18, 1978

Ryder, Eldridge Given, 69, Waynesboro, Va., May 17, 1978

Ryman, Edlard, 86, Woodstock, Va., April 26, 1978

Schaeffer, John, 78, Marion, Ind., April 19, 1978

Schrock, Grace, La Verne, Calif., May 8, 1978

Shank, Emory M., 78, Abilene, Kan., April 19, 1978

Shaulis, Glen, 52, Waterloo, Iowa, Apr. 30, 1978

Showalter, Marietta, 84, Greenville, Ohio, Apr. 10, 1978

Sier, Marshall, 81, Huntingdon, Pa., July 2, 1978

Smead, Hattie, 96, Medina, Ohio, May 8, 1977

Snyder, Bertha L., 96, New Bethlehem, Pa., June 21, 1978

Spire, Laura, 76, Bryan, Ohio, Apr. 21, 1978

Sprekel, John F., 83, York, Pa., June 6, 1978

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Steele, Kenneth, 58, Goshen, Ind., June 24, 1978

Stickel, Dorothy, 76, Milford, Ind., July 7, 1978

Suddarth, Hope, 75, Waynesboro, Va., Apr. 24, 1978

Summers, Vida, 80, North Liberty, Ind., June 13, 1978

Summy, A. Frank, 84, Akron, Ohio, Sept. 16, 1977

Swartz, Bertha, 79, Pleasant Hill, Ohio, July 21, 1978

Swayer, Henry, 76, Mexico, Ind., June 4, 1978

Trester, Donald E., 64, Hollidaysburg, Pa., May 5, 1978

Troup, Carl, 75, Elkhart, Ind., April 25, 1978

Turnidge, Ralph, 65, Seattle, Wash., July 15, 1978

Turpin, James K., 16, Floyd, Va., Oct. 6, 1977

Urney, Bernice, 73, Trotwood, Ohio, June 1, 1978

Vandeken, Albert, 72, Windber, Pa., July 1, 1978

Vandeken, Charles, 70, Windber, Pa., May 11, 1978

Vukmanic, Dorothy, Waynesboro, Pa., May 26, 1978

Wagoner, Ralph W., 53, New Madison, Ohio, June 6, 1978

Waite, Martin, 62, Polo, Ill., July 1, 1978

Walker, Fern Coppock, 94, La Verne, Calif., June 13, 1978

Walter, Clyde, 79, Claysburg, Pa., Feb. 10, 1978

Walters, Shirley, 29, Duncansville, Pa., May 24, 1978

Wampler, Paul William, 52, Waynesboro, Va., Feb. 18, 1978

Watkins, Ford, 67, Everett, Pa., July 12, 1978

Watkins, Howard, 88, New Paris, Ind., June 4, 1978

Webb, Charles, 65, Waynesboro, Pa., July 16, 1978

Welch, Glenn, 65, Gettysburg, Ohio, Apr. 1, 1978

White, Sara, 75, Nappanee, Ind., May 25, 1978

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Williams, Clark, 84, Copemish, Mich., June 2, 1978

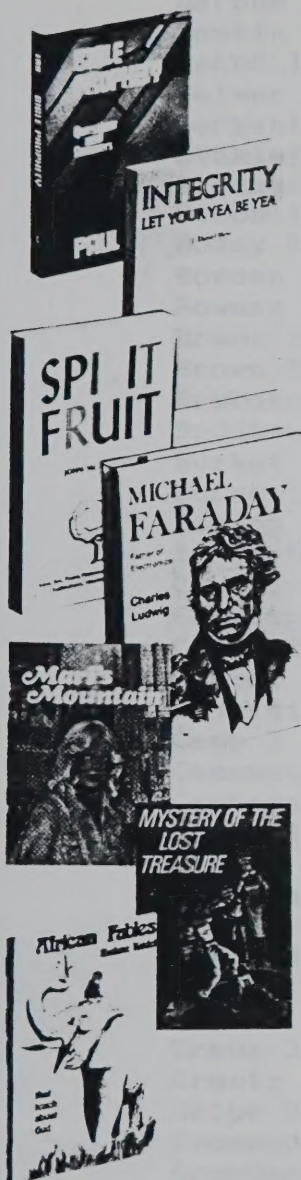
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the credit or blame depending on how you look at it. Regulations could be handled easier if we had looser restrictions, but we don't. The church is generous in refraining from dictating policy. Our standards and moral expectations are what we believe in and deem appropriate. Our moral stance attracts students and faculty."

"All of the colleges now have dancing," says La Verne's Wayne Miller, "and we allow smoking in many parts of the campus. Drinking is prohibited, but we would be fooling ourselves if we pretended it didn't exist. Brethren have tried to maintain personal morals. But the attempt to be a haven is in conflict with our mission of being in service to the world. Why should we provide a haven? We should expect students to become ministers to the world."

Helman is in agreement. "We say 'no smoking, no drinking, no pre-marital sex' when speaking of student regulations. We

don't destroy people who break the rules, but we are traditional: we have the right to create this community. Our rules are consistent with our religious beliefs and the appropriate climate we try to create. A community needs to be disciplined and you must remember we deal with people at a difficult time in life. If they come with personal problems and are accepted, that doesn't mean their problems are condoned. If we make a difference in a life, that's a by-product of our concern and an example of the kind of impact we want to have."

At Juniata drinking is permitted within restriction. "We know," says Pheasant, "that it may be in conflict with the church's alcohol paper but admitting the use of alcohol realistically recognizes the pluralism of our students and helps us deal honestly with them. There is no consistency in the way colleges make and enforce their rules. We work at building sound Brethren values such as responsibility and decision making. Programs

have been initiated to help students deal with alcoholism. It is important for students to have and feel integrity—to be trusted."

Helman concludes, "Once drinking was rebellion. Now, frequently, we deal with alcoholics. I don't think we get credit for all the good we do. Attending a Church of the Brethren college is a privilege. We can't give ground on residential behavior or change our distinctive climate. I know that if we do our work right we won't suffer in the future."

And so the colleges face the future, determined to preserve the qualities that make them special—for it is the only way to survive. Offering life training to go with what each college believes is an excellent academic foundation. As Blair Helman says, "The traditions of the Church of the Brethren are clear and evidenced on our campuses. The mark of the church is on our curriculum. The problems we face are difficulties we can solve." □

turning points

Pastoral Placements

Carmichael, Mark, to Weston, Oregon, Washington, interim full-time
Gibbel, Ira W., from secular, to Johnstown, Westmont, Western Pennsylvania, interim
Glover, Irving R., from secular, to Daleville, Virginia
Halstead, L. Elaine, from ABEC, regional rep., Facility Planning Services, Elgin, Ill., to consultant for congregational ministry, Mid-Atlantic
Hartman, Ken, from secular, to Lampeter Fellowship, Atlantic Northeast, interim
Holderhead, Kenneth O., from Empire, Pacific Southwest, to Martinsburg, Middle Pennsylvania
Holl, David L., from Bridge-water College, to Moanoke, Ninth Street, Virginia
Huston, Albert W., from Good Shepherd, Mid-Atlantic, to Dranesville, Mid-Atlantic
Keeling, Calvin, from Bakersfield, Pacific Southwest, to Hutchinson, Western Plains
Leininger, Verne H., from

Price's Creek, Southern Ohio, to Oak Park, West Marya Ness, Tommy L., from secular, to Piney Creek, Mid-Atlantic
Newman-Lee, Burr Jeff, from Bethany Seminary to Rogers Park Saturday Afternoon Fellowship, Illinois/Wisconsin, volunteer
Paterson, Harry J., from Fairchance/Fairview, Western Pennsylvania, to Front Royal, Shenandoah
Richey, Roy S., from retirement, to First Phoenix, Pacific Southwest, interim
Rohrer, Dean, from Peace Valley, Southern Missouri/Arkansas, to Clay County, Florida/Puerto Rico, part-time
Vandever, Loyal, from Woodbridge, Mid-Atlantic, to Manor, Mid-Atlantic, part-time
Yoder, Leon, from secular to Thurmont, Mid-Atlantic

Wedding Anniversaries

Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde, Fort

Wayne, Ind., 58
Brubaker, Mr. and Mrs. David, La Verne, Calif., 50
Brubaker, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar, Fostoria, Ohio, 60
Caylor, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne, Udell, Iowa, 50
Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer, East Petersburg, Pa., 50
Craze, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford, Akron, Ohio, 57
Dealinger, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, Sun City, Ariz., 50
Fish, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy, North Manchester, Ind., 60
Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Elza, Avilla, Ind., 64
Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, New Paris, Ind., 60
Nyce, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln G., Harleysville, Pa., 60
Palrian, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest, Corunna, Ind., 60
Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence, San Diego, Calif., 50
Stadebaker, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, West Milton, Ohio, 50
Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. Posie, Martinsville, Va., 51
Welborn, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Largo, Fla., 67
Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A., Cushing, Okla., 50
Wiegand, Mr. and Mrs. Paul,

Waterloo, Iowa, 60
Zook, Mr. and Mrs. Gorman, Wagoner, Okla., 50

Deaths

Blake, Mabel, 84, South Bend, Ind., May 6, 1979
Bock, Grace R., 89, Fostoria, Ohio, June 4, 1979
Brandt, Pearl Drescher, 92, McPherson, Kan., May 30, 1979
Brown, Quinter, J., 81, Lawrence, Kan., April 16, 1979
Buckingham, Ralph, 64, Prairie City, Iowa, June 4, 1979
Chambers, Gertrude, 81, Ashland, Ohio, May 14, 1979
Elrod, Carl, 86, Prairie City, Iowa, May 7, 1979
Good, John C., 88, Leola, Pa., April 28, 1979
Griep, Carl A., 83, Dayton, Ohio, May 23, 1979
Haldeman, Jean, 66, Palmyra, Pa., May 29, 1979
Halterman, Titus Galen, 65, Harrisonburg, Va., June 1, 1979
Hoffman, Menta, 92, Waynesboro, Pa., April 21, 1979
Hollinger, Irvin, 90, Greenville,

Ohio, Dec. 14, 1978
Kagarise, Glen H., 49, Baltimore, Md., March 23, 1979
Krebs, Brenda Trostle, 34, Waynesboro, Pa., May 28, 1979
Landes, Reta C., 76, North Fort Myers, Fla., Feb. 24, 1979
Mallott, Kenneth, 21, Pittsburgh, Pa., March 19, 1979
Merkey, Samuel R., 89, Abilene, Kan., May 13, 1979
Miller, E. Vernon, 66, Waterloo, Iowa, May 30, 1979
Miller, Robert H., 90, North Manchester, Ind., May 10, 1979
Mills, Armon, 74, Topeka, Kan., April 4, 1979
Shick, Valeria, 93, Waterloo, Iowa, April 17, 1979
Shoemaker, Wilbur D., 83, North Canton, Ohio, June 14, 1978
Smith, Edward F., 56, Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 15, 1979
Stump, Audrey Fern, 88, Perryton, Tex., May 21, 1979
Swigart, Mattie Showalter, 77, Bridgewater, Va., May 6, 1979
Trostle, Bertha, 95, Nickerson, Kan., March 26, 1979
Woodie, L.E., 88, Greenville, Ohio, May 10, 1979

As one of God's children

Having editorialized on UN Ambassador Andrew Young before (See "Ambassador Young and his Yardstick," September 1978), I am sure readers can imagine my reaction to the news of his firing. It was as stunning as if one of our own 1451 Dundee Avenue crowd had been dismissed.

I had rather come to think of Andrew Young as "one of us." After all, he has credited the Church of the Brethren with helping him find direction in life at a time when he was "lost," referring to his experiences as a youth at our Camp Mack, inspired by the Brethren peace stance and witness, and to his experience in Brethren work camps in Austria. Involvement with the Brethren continued through the civil rights movement days. Andrew Young has been at two of our recent Annual Conferences and many of us have been in and out of his offices during his service as a Congressman and as UN Ambassador.

Ambassador Young's positions on touchy world issues matched those of the Church of the Brethren, so well that he wasn't really joking all that much at the Richmond Annual Conference when he said with a laugh, "Maybe many of the problems I'm having trying to be a diplomat are the result of the fact that I got my orientation from you all!"

In fact, Andrew Young's "problems" had scarcely begun to mount up when he spoke those words in June 1977. During the next two years he was often under fire for his penchant for telling it like it was.

He pointed out that we have perhaps thousands of people in our US jails as political prisoners, and it was a fact. He rightly pointed out that Cuban troops in Africa had been a stabilizing influence. He, with good reason, chided the British for their racist attitudes.

I found it refreshing to hear the truth for once

from a diplomat. I have spent most of my adult life in the Third World and I rejoiced that Andrew Young helped to nudge the United States toward a more sympathetic approach to that world. His honesty won friends for us around the globe and he got his foot through overseas doors that had been shut to American diplomats for years.

How tragic it is that this man who had done so much for the US and the world had to be sacrificed because of the rules of ridiculous, impractical, long-outdated diplomatic games. More so, when the act that undid him held such promise of prying loose the Middle East logjam.

I am glad that Andrew Young is leaving office unbowed, unrepentant, still telling it like it is. "How many lives is this policy (of not communicating with the Palestine Liberation Organization) worth?" he asks. "If you're talking about a policy of non-communication with a legitimate power, whether you agree with them, whether they're terrorists, whatever they are, if you don't have some other means of allowing them to express their grievances . . . you're going to get more deaths, more violence, more terrorism. . . ."

I liked the way Tom Swank of *Newsweek* summarized Andrew Young's UN years: "He didn't swerve from his passionate sympathy for Third World underdogs or from his fundamental diplomatic creed: Go unto your enemies if you would have them come unto you."

"Andy came at you as one of God's children," said a friend of his. "That approach didn't fit our conventional ideas about diplomacy. But in the end, it's probably the only way humanity survives."

How right he is. — K.T.

turning points

Pastoral Placements

Dill, Gary, from South Bend, to York Center, Illinois/Wisconsin

Hostetter, Julie M., from Harrisonburg, to Mack Memorial, Southern Ohio, team ministry

Hostetter, Michael, from Harrisonburg, to Mack Memorial, Southern Ohio, team ministry

Kieffaber, Alan, from Bethany Seminary, to McPherson College, campus minister

Nye, Paul, continuing teaching and to Union, Northern Indiana, part-time

Stoltzfus, Joyce Anne, from student, to Sebring, Florida/Puerto Rico, associate pastor

Weaver, Bruce, from secular, to Mount Zion, Atlantic Northeast

Licensing/Ordination

Bowman, Dale E., ordained, June 17, 1979, Leake's Chapel, Shenandoah

Brumbaugh, Gwendolyn, licensed June 10, 1979, University Park, Mid-Atlantic

Cleaver, Thomas Joseph, licensed June 3, 1979, Pleasant Valley, Southern Ohio

Copp, Jeffrey Otto, ordained June 10, 1979, Columbia City, Northern Indiana

Davis, Kenneth A., ordained April 22, 1979, Center Church, Western Pennsylvania

Detrick, Mary Cline, ordained June 3, 1979, Highland Avenue, Elgin, Illinois/Wisconsin

Duffy, Scott, ordained June 10, 1979, Hagerstown, Mid-Atlantic

Elmore, Kendal W., ordained May 20, 1979, Mount Carmel (Cedar Grove), Shenandoah

Foust, Robert, licensed March 18, 1979, Marion, South-Central Indiana

Gerster, Daniel G., ordained April 1, 1979, Pittsburg,

Western Pennsylvania
Hall, James, ordained March 25, 1979, Greensburg, Western Pennsylvania

Hare, Jack Denis, licensed Jan., 1979, Outlook, Oregon/Washington

Heishman, Irvin, licensed June 10, 1979, Marassas, Mid-Atlantic

Hendricks, Francis, ordained May 20, 1979, Sheldon, Northern Plains

Hendricks, Jean Lichty, ordained May 20, 1979, Sheldon, Northern Plains

Hendrickson, Fred D., ordained March 25, 1979, Amaranth, Western Pennsylvania

Herr, Eileen Louise, licensed May 20, 1979, Big Swatara, (Hanoverdale) Atlantic Northeast

Hostetter, Thomas Richard, ordained June 17, 1979, Pine Creek, Northern Indiana

Jones, Timothy K., ordained May 20, 1979, Lampeter Fellowship, Atlantic Northeast

Jessup, Mary, ordained June 10, 1979, Decatur, Illinois/Wisconsin

Keller, Jay Richard, licensed May 27, 1979, White Oak, Atlantic Northeast

Klopfenstein, Ethel Florence, licensed June 10, 1979, Beacon Heights, Fort Wayne, Northern Indiana

Knepper, Roger, ordained June 3, 1979, Maple Spring, Western Pennsylvania

Lauderdale, Kerby, ordination reactivated April 14, 1979, Eel River, South/Central Indiana

Lipscomb, Kreston, licensed June 3, 1979, York Center Illinois/Wisconsin

Morrow, Michael R., licensed June 10, 1979, Ephrata, Atlantic Northeast

Richardson, Lee Allen, licensed June 3, 1979, Walnut, Northern Indiana

Risser, Robin, licensed May 27, 1979, York Center, Illinois/Wisconsin

St. Clair, Ronald, licensed April 29, 1979, Robinson, Western Pennsylvania

Smeltzer, Bonnie Kline, Li-

censed June 10, 1979, Dundalk, Baltimore, Mid-Atlantic

Stoner, Peggy J., commissioned lay speaker, June 3, 1978, Mechanicsburg, Southern Pennsylvania

Vachon, Steven Richard, licensed May 27, 1979, Columbia City, Northern Indiana

West, Richard T., ordained June 3, 1979, Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania

Witt, Geary, licensed May 20, 1979, Wooddale, Western Pennsylvania

Wedding Anniversaries

Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Levi, Elkhart, Ind., 50

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Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C.C., Abingdon, Va., 65

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Spickler, Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Mount Joy, Pa., 60

Strayer, Mr. and Mrs. John, Oakton, Va., 50

Wingert, Mr. and Mrs. John, Dallas Center, Iowa, 50

Zook, Mr. and Mrs. Ray E., Rushville, Ind., 60

Deaths

Akers, Edward F., 77, Floyd, Va., March 21, 1979

Allison, Marguerite, 64, Saxton, Pa., May 24, 1979

Anderson, Frances Strohm, 92, Worthington, Minn., July 7, 1979

Baughner, Louise, 67, Port Republic, Va., April 23, 1979

Blaugh, Cora, 94, Waterloo, Iowa, June 11, 1979

Boone, F. Nelson, 85, Duncansville, Pa., June 23, 1979

Bowman, Mary Flora, 85, Boones Mill, Va., April 20, 1979

Bridenstine, Ronald F., 63, Nappanee, Ind., April 28, 1979

Burgess, Refa, 78, Port Republic, Va., May 17, 1979

Carls, Viola, 81, Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 4, 1978

Clover, Lewis M., 92, Bridge-water, Va., June 7, 1979

Cripe, Molly Florence, 90, New Parris, Ind., June 6, 1979

Curtis, Hazel, 85, Nappanee, Ind., April 28, 1979

Garber, Mildred, 78, Ashland, Ohio, June 14, 1979

Haldeman, Esther, 76, Manheim, Pa., June 30, 1979

Hammaker, Esther M., 77, Harrisburg, Pa., May 19, 1979

Hartman, Edna Rader, 67, Broadway, Va., May 28, 1979

Hawbaker, Ezra, 66, Dallas Center, Iowa, April 11, 1979

Hiller, Cletus Murray, 86, New Haven, Conn., June 9, 1979

Kimmel, Katherine N., 66, Hol-

Isopple, Pa., June 16, 1979

Kinsey, William Forest, 62, Mount Morris, Ill., June 1, 1979

Lash, Brandon, 85, Craigville, Ind., Feb. 25, 1978

Layman, Zenith, 80, Port Republic, Va., March 21, 1979

Mann, Clifford, 70, Decatur, Ind., Sept. 2, 1978

Martin, Hugh, Eden, N.C., April 6, 1979

Mensch, Mervyn W., 82, Mifflinburg, Pa., June 13, 1979

Miller, Anna, 98, Davenport, Iowa, June 1, 1979

Mitchel, Carla, 22, Decatur, Ind., Dec. 26, 1978

Morningstar, Stella M., 73, Saxton, Pa., April 6, 1979

Moyer, Mildred, 88, Lansdale, Pa., July 13, 1979

Mummert, Mary, 81, Havoner, Pa., June 19, 1979

Nickey, Barbara, 93, LaVerne, Calif., July 31, 1979

Ober, Elizabeth, 81, Manheim, Pa., June 11, 1979

Patrick, Eugene, 82, Palmyra, Pa., June 15, 1979

Platt, Jacob, 88, Somerset, Pa., March 4, 1979

Robertson, George Russell, 83, Warm Springs, Va., June 16, 1979

Schwartz, Joseph, 92, Bluffton, Ind., Dec. 17, 1978

Schwartz, Lydia, 91, Bluffton, Ind., Oct. 12, 1978

Shank, Clara, 83, Boonsboro, Md., July 13, 1979

Showalter, Paul, 67, Gainesville, Va., July 5, 1979

Switzer, Benjamin Clyde, 77, Prescott, Mich., July 3, 1979

Thompson, William O., 72, Eden, N.C., May 19, 1979

Wahl, William Henry, 75, Worthington, Minn., April 26, 1979

Weaver, Emory Q., 71, Windber, Pa., June 5, 1979

Wheeler, Flossie, 80, Grand Rapids, Mich., April 25, 1979

Wes, Sue, 16, Decatur, Ind., Dec. 26, 1978

Williams, Pearl, 82, Helena, Okla., June 14, 1979

Witmer, Ronald, 46, Polo, Ill., May 22, 1979

Young, Claudia, 86, Sabetha, Kan., May 14, 1979

Jesus revealed in his life and teachings the way to freedom and at the same time life in community—the way to “unity in diversity.” In the Upper Room his disciples were given a specific instruction: “A new commandment: I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35). Love for one another is not optional for Christians; and in the cross we see just how far Christian love goes.

It is the love experienced when Christ is at the center of one's life, that draws us into unity. We do not create unity or fellowship. They are gifts. When our lives are Christ-centered, we can disagree without being bitter or divisive. It is a mark of the working of the Holy Spirit that we can hold one another in love and fellowship even though there is diversity among us.

Christian love requires:

- that we acknowledge the integrity and worth of those brothers and sisters with whom we cannot totally agree.

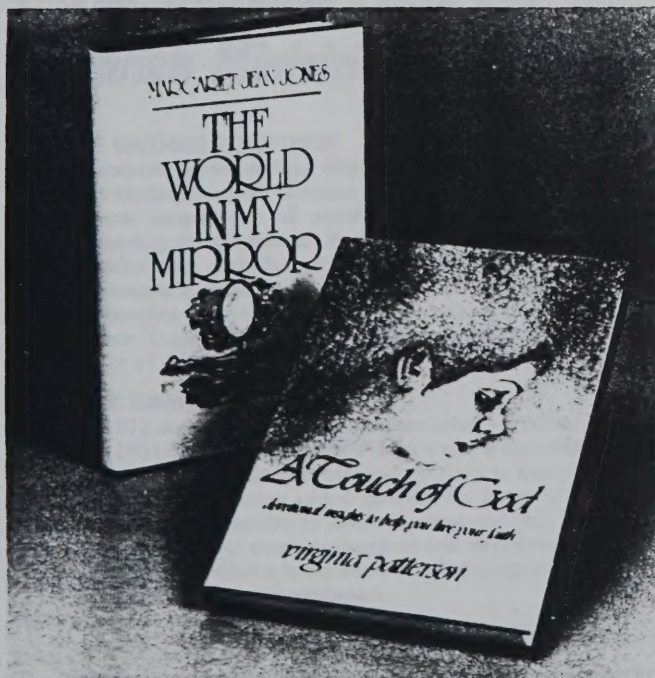
- that we make every effort to understand one another by keeping lines of communication open, by listening to, hearing and responding to our sisters and brothers.
- that we be willing to test our perceptions and understandings with the gathered church.
- that we be open to the counsel of our brothers and sisters.
- that we behave in ways that build up the church.
- that we be obedient to Jesus Christ.
- that we not attempt to gloss over our differences, but that we face them honestly and work at resolving them “with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph. 4:2-3).
- that we hold before us the goal of “being in full accord and of one mind” (Phil. 2:2).

There have been times in our history when the Brethren have simply agreed that at that point in their life together, they could not agree. Their faith surely was that as they maintained their unity in

the Spirit, agreement would eventually be given. For instance, in 1883 a query came to Annual Meeting asking that one form of footwashing be established and that the churches be uniform in having the supper either off or on the table at the time of footwashing. Answer: “We desire very much to see a uniform practice in the church. But we see no way of accomplishing that object at the present time in the practices referred to in the query” (Revised Minutes of Annual Meeting 1778-1885, page 174).

In referring to those Brethren who differed in their understanding of the Scriptures, especially regarding the footwashing service, Alexander Mack Jr. encouraged them to consider different views “in love and with a calm spirit.” He wrote, “. . . dear brethren, let us watch and be careful, and above all preserve love, for thus one preserves light. The spirit of truth testifies in 1 John 2:10: ‘He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.’ The good God, who is the pure impartial love, can and will supply gradually where insight is lacking here or there.” □

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(Orientation completed Aug. 19, 1979)

Anderson, Julie L., of Fresno, Calif., to Peace Caravan, Rehn Place, Evanston, Ill.

Behrens, Laurie F., of Missoula, Mont., to World Peace Tax Fund, Washington, D.C.

Drumheller, Vince M., of Staunton, Va., to Therapeutic Home, Inc., Community Services for Children, Modesto, Calif.

Herr, Debra A., of Hershey, Pa., to Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Fostoria, Ohio.

Horn, Donald R., of Mount Solon, Va., to Neighbor to Neighbor, Fort Collins, Colo.

Hosler, Randy, of Manheim, Pa., to Disaster Program of the Church of the Brethren

Hosler, Sandra, of Manheim, Pa., to Disaster Program of the Church of the Brethren

Kam, Barbara A., of Arlington Heights, Ill., awaiting assignment

Miller, Michael R., of Arlington Heights, Ill., awaiting assignment

Miller, Cheri L., of McPherson, Kan., to the Washington Office, Washington, D.C.

Nelson, Marie L., of Grady Center, Iowa, to Elgin office

to coordinate the 1980 Brethren Youth Study/Action Conference

Roberts, Naomi A., of Elgin, Ill., to Council of Southern Mountains, Berea, Ky.

Shoenberger, Faye E., of Dayton, Va., to The Solid Rock, Brigham City, Utah

Turner, Elaine L., of Aspers, Pa., to Peter Becker Nursing Home, Harleysville, Pa.

Weaver, Rebecca J., of Elgin, Ill., awaiting assignment

Zapata, Virginia, of Cochabamba, Bolivia, to Centro de Informacion, Elgin, Ill.

Licensing/Ordination

Aspenburgh, Eric Clay, licensed Aug. 5, 1979, Eversole, Southern Ohio

Bailey, Steve A., licensed July 29, 1979, Castine, Southern Ohio

Behrer, Bradley Charles, licensed July 29, 1979, Prince of Peace, Northern Indiana

Cherian, Sam, ordained July 22, 1979, Round Hill, Shenandoah

Cooper, Scott, licensed July 29, 1979, Mount Joy, Western Pennsylvania

Fant, Nancy R., licensed Aug.

5, 1979, York Center, Illinois/Wisconsin

Fike, J. Melvin, licensed Jan. 1, 1979, Egion-Maple Spring, West Marva

Robinson, Delmer T., Jr., ordained Aug. 5, 1979, Reedley, Pacific Southwest

Vas Bibber, Mark, ordained Aug. 5, 1979, Union Chapel, Western Pennsylvania

Pastoral Placements

Albis, Charles A., from retirement, to Quinter, Western Plains (interim)

Altomatt, Lester W., Jr., from Cajon Valley, Pacific Southwest, to Chico, Pacific Southwest

Baldwin, Terry Lee, to Osage, Western Plains

Branson, Merrill C., from Thomas, Southern Plains, to Clovis, New Mexico, Southern Plains

Flacklin, Audrey, from Empire, intern, Pacific Southwest, to Empire, Team Ministry, Pacific Southwest, interim part-time

Flacklin, Jeff, from Empire, intern, Pacific Southwest, to Empire, Team Ministry, Pacific Southwest, interim full-time

Foster, John M., from Dunning Creek, Middle Pennsylvania, to Forest Chapel, Shenandoah

Freeman, Harold L., continues secular work and to Harris Creek, Southern Ohio

Moss, Timothy, from Koontz/Waterline, Middle Pennsylvania, to Chippewa, Northern Ohio

Overholt, James J., from other denomination, to Nettle Creek, South/Central Indiana

Powers, Eugene, from other denomination, to Falfurrias, Southern Plains

Richey, Ronald, from other denomination, to Farmington Bethel and Canaan, Western Pennsylvania

Rogers, Albert P., from Lanark, Illinois/Wisconsin, to Winter Park, Florida/Puerto Rico

Smithson, Forrest R., from other denomination, to Washington Creek, Western Plains

Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Martinsburg, Pa., 51

Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Tobias, Martinsburg, Pa., 56

Herr, Mr. and Mrs. John, York, Pa., 50

Holsinger, Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Martinsburg, Pa., 54

Hoschouer, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, Gettysburg, Ohio, 60

Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. I. Harvey, Martinsburg, Pa., 53

Leigel, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Windsor, Colo., 50

Ludwick, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, Keyser, W. Va., 50

Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Howard D., Seattle, Wash., 69

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. N. Ray, Martinsburg, Pa., 52

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Bremen, Ind., 58

Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Chambersburg, Pa., 65

Nifong, Mr. and Mrs. Noble, Plymouth, Ind., 60

Nisly, Mr. and Mrs. Harold, Des Moines, Iowa, 50

Nyce, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, Harleysville, Pa., 60

Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, North Manchester, Ind., 50

Semmes, Mr. and Mrs. James, Roanoke, Va., 50

Shriver, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Hanover, Pa., 53

Wareham, Mr. and Mrs. Irvan, Martinsburg, Pa., 56

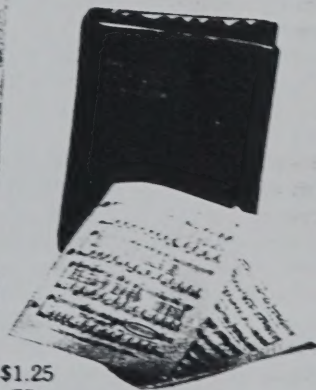
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by Patricia Kennedy Helman

The pilgrim is a wanderer . . . over the highways, on the byways, through the skyways of life . . . and as she wanders, her thoughts meander along.

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the Sorrento public spaces committee, confirm that Jubilee is helping to provide more than housing.

"Jubilee has helped me to understand people as a whole, not as black and white, Chinese, or polka dotted or whatever, just people as a whole.

"As far as white people were concerned, I didn't have too much to say to them. I might wave good morning, or good evening or discuss bills. That was it. But mingling, and really having friendly conversations, never! That's helped me an awful lot."

No doubt the growth has been mutual. Staff persons of the Institute for Jubilee Housing—the office that oversees the buildings, coordinates volunteers, studies housing problems and alternative responses and interprets the Jubilee process to others who share the vision—smile and then sigh as they describe their journey. Although they cite several other groups having drawn from their model and experience, they insist that the process is essentially one of uncharted, adventurous faith.

Jubilee-style projects such as Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene in Washington, D.C.; Jubilee Housing of Kentucky, in Louisville; Good Neighbors Unlimited, in Annapolis and Concerned Citizens for Butchers Hill, in Baltimore, have each found Jubilee's accomplishments instructive, but find that much of the pioneering must be suited to their unique situations. The bottom line for all the projects is commitment to people and to housing, with a willingness to serve and be served.

To those called to respond to the poor's cry for decent housing, Jubilee staff warn: "Be prepared for struggle, frustration and anger. Come with patience and prayer. Be ready for surprises." Their humility no doubt arises from years of personal energy invested in fighting an enormous violation of human dignity, where meager successes shrink beneath the shadow of spiraling need. But yet, they smile, motivated by the jubilee spirit that Jesus echoed as he lived among the poor, bringing good news.

To receive Jubilee's occasional newsletter and descriptive publications, or for other information, write Jubilee Housing Inc., 1750 Columbia Road, NW, Washington, DC 20009. □

Mary Jo Bowman lives in Washington, D.C., where she is employed by LAOS, Inc., a non-profit ecumenical agency, and is associated with Sojourner Fellowship.

● November moves into the cycle of the year before we're ever quite prepared for its wind and barrenness and sudden falling temperatures. The blue October days are over . . . the incomparable softness of Indian summer is only a memory . . . the harvest is gathered. November is a bridge from the flaunting, haunting days of fall to the glorious expectations of Advent. But crossing the bridge we are reminded to be grateful . . . to thank Him who grants us the breath of life and sustains us moment by moment.

My father lived many different life-styles; they were not intentional . . . they were part of life's flow . . . of the come and go of resources. There were plain little houses and meager apartments bare of everything but life's necessities . . . and there were lovely homes graced by books, music, art and a good table. There were days of depression and no work . . . and there were months and years of a productive, working life.

But there was one thing about his life-style that remained constant: He lived a life of gratitude . . . ever and always aware that Thanksgiving was not a holiday but a style of living. As one of his children I rode up and down the life-style roller coaster with him, and his grateful heart seemed of more import than our surroundings.

Now that my 50th year has come and gone and I, too, have had benefit of two-room apartments, houses with holes that let the outside in, and more comfortable environments, I am glad to have been taught the graces of gratefulness.

I am especially grateful this special season for the church—the body of Christ on earth . . . and out of the great church universal it is with thanksgiving that I claim membership in the Church of the Brethren.

I am grateful for the insight with which our forefathers interpreted the scripture and lifted up the peace witness. I am grateful for our many avenues through which we see justice prevail in an unjust world. I am grateful for our compassion that moves from abstractions to the reality of disaster relief. I am grateful for our vision that sustained the Heifer Project, the Brethren Service movement and all those agencies wherein we try to bind up the wounds of the world.

I am grateful for our openness to consciousness-raising in many areas of life and society. I am grateful that women have access to the word of God, to the sacraments and to ordination in our church life. I am especially grateful for the poverty of spirit that sent Alexander Mack on a deep quest for a personal relationship with God through Christ and, in the midst of our affluence, pray that our own poverty of spirit will keep us headed toward the City of God.

● When the great theologian Neils Ferre was a small child, he and his brother asked their mother how to pray. She answered, "Praise Him and thank Him, praise Him and thank Him!" One who consciously develops a strong prayer life is inadvertently led to praising Him and thanking Him . . . for finally that is all we can do.

● I was speaking recently to a large gathering of Brethren women and was aware of one lady in the congregation watching me intently. At lunch she sought me out, and I was startled to learn that she was blind. In correspondence with her later she reported that she had been blind as a child, had her sight restored during her teens, and when she was nineteen lost her sight again. Angriely she asked God: "Why? Why?" She said she heard this answer: "Fear not, I will clothe you in garments of praise." And her life has been a continuing song of thanksgiving and praise for her home and family and for the little everyday blessings that most of us miss on our hurried and distracted journeys.

● STOP SIGNS: On a Congregational Church in a tiny Indiana town: Untold Millions Parish Untold!

● Some favorite books of some favorite sisters and brothers: Joan Deeter—*Testament of Devotion*, Thomas Kelly, *An Ethic for Christians and Other Aliens in a Strange Land*, William Stringfellow, *Power and Innocence*, Rollo May, Allen Deeter—*The Idiot*, F. M. Dostoevsky, *The Last of the Just*, Henri Schwarz-Bart, *Short Stories*, Leo Tolstoy.

See you on the journey—P.K.H.

turning points

Licensing/ Ordination

Krester, Sharon Louise, licensed May 20, 1979, Buffalo Valley, Southern Pennsylvania
Nye, Paul Edward, licensed Aug. 19, 1979, Plymouth, Northern Indiana
Speth, Ada M., licensed Aug. 20, 1979, Hollidaysburg, Middle Pennsylvania

Pastoral Placements

Bloom, Louis D., from Wiley Ford, West Mariva, to Koonitz, Waterside, Middle Pennsylvania
Cassell, David, from other denomination, to Weston, Oregon/Washington
Catalina, Robert, to Mount Pleasant, Western Pennsylvania
Driver, Brent, from secular, to Auburn, Northern Indiana
Fausch, Everett M., from missionary, India, to Peace Valley, Southern Missouri
Falk, Ray, from Oak Grove, Illinois/Wisconsin, to Girard, Illinois/Wisconsin
Glas, Jeff, from Bethany Theological Seminary, to Cloverdale, assistant pastor, Virginia
Kestler, Sharon L., to Indian Creek, Atlantic Northeast, Director of Christian Nurture
Reisak, J. Herman, from Olivet, Southern Ohio, to White Cottage, Southern Ohio, interim, part-time
Ridge, Arthur, from other denomination, to Enid, Southern Plains
Roberts, Donald E., from Nettie Creek, South/Central Indiana, to Lanark, Illinois/Wisconsin
Rawe, Dewey, from retirement, to Salliam, Oregon/Washington
Shank, Walter E., from Eden Valley, Western Plains, to Arcadia, Florida/Puerto Rico, part-time
Thomas, Ralph F., from Silver Creek, Northern Ohio, to Rice Lake, Illinois/Wisconsin

Toller, Thomas, from other denomination, to Bakersfield, Pacific Southwest
Waggoner, Wesley, from secular, to Bowmont, Idaho
Zackschwerdt, Otto, from Muskegon, Michigan, to Florence, Mich., Northern Indiana

Wedding Anniversaries

Bechtold, Mr. and Mrs. Jay, Mount Morris, Ill., 50
Burner, Mr. and Mrs. Mark, Dixon, Ill., 50
Dabell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C., Sidney, Ohio, 60
Detwiler, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry, New Enterprise, Pa., 50
Doan, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth, Roanoke, Va., 50
English, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Huntington, Pa., 60
Flitz, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Waynesboro, Pa., 59
Flora, Mr. and Mrs. Claude, Roanoke, Va., 50
Grossnickle, Mr. and Mrs. C. Elbert, Myersville, Md., 64
Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil, Glendora, Calif., 60
Klempner, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Englewood, Ohio, 50
Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Sr., Anderson, Ind., 50
Krieg, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur, Cerro Gordo, Ill., 65
Kretschmer, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin, Windsor, Pa., 60
Lengel, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H., Windsor, Colo., 50
Livingood, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton, Bedford Pa., 50
Luper, Mr. and Mrs. Fred, Rossville, Ind., 59
Nobles, Mr. and Mrs. Carl, Fort Wayne, Ind., 50
Richey, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar, New Enterprise, Pa., 51
Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle, Quinter, Kan., 50
Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson, Rossville, Ind., 60
Sasser, Mr. and Mrs. Joe, Kent, Wash., 50
Semones, Mr. and Mrs. James A., Roanoke, Va., 50
Shack, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson,

New Lebanon, Ohio, 51
Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. John, New Enterprise, Pa., 50
Wareham, Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Martinsburg, Pa., 50
Wenger, Mr. and Mrs. Paul D., Leola, Pa., 55
Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray, Tonasket, Wash., 50
Yeager, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Chambersburg, Pa., 50

Deaths

Adams, Otto, 78, Eureka, Calif., Aug. 8, 1979
Barr, Paul E., 79, Altoona, Pa., June 18, 1979
Barrett, Freda, 75, Windber, Pa., Sept. 1, 1979
Bechtel, Donald, 58, New Enterprise, Pa., May 16, 1979
Berington, Grace, 77, Council Bluffs, Iowa, June 13, 1979
Bibbee, Helen, 78, Marion, Ohio, June 24, 1979
Bollinger, Hiram B., 89, Manheim, Pa., Aug. 20, 1979
Borseman, Edith Z., Royersford, Pa., May 12, 1979
Brewer, Estella Virginia, 89, South English, Iowa, July 5, 1979
Buckingham, Ada, 96, Cerro Gordo, Ill., July 13, 1979
Chak, Gulian, 88, Leola, Ill., July 25, 1979
Chase, Herman, 89, Port Republic, Va., Aug. 22, 1979
Coffey, Goldie, 80, Girard, Ill., July 2, 1979
Cole, Abe, 71, Tonasket, Wash., Aug. 11, 1979
Coon, Essie, 81, Roanoke, Va., July 31, 1979
Crowe, Dorothy Ann, 86, Cumberland, Md., Aug. 16, 1979
DeCoursey, Frank J., 86, Nampa, Id., Aug. 17, 1979
Diehl, Clark, 88, Port Republic, Va., Aug. 30, 1979
Donmoyer, Vicki, 65, Lebanon, Pa., July 5, 1979
Dove, Effie Carr, 87, Nokesville, Va., June 16, 1979
Eikenberry, Velma, 68, Greenville, Ohio, April 12, 1979
Fahlemme, David, 81, Ephrata, Pa., Aug. 14, 1979
Fantz, Hazel, 68, Eureka,

Calif., Aug. 12, 1979
Gary, Silas, 71, Erie, Pa., 7, 1979
Gibbel, Elizabeth W., 83, Neffsville, Pa., Aug. 4, 1979
Gordon, Joseph C., 68, Martinsburg, Pa., July 16, 1979
Gustafson, Samuel M., 83, Harleysville, Pa., July 29, 1979
Gusoff, Elam N., 73, Mount Joy, Pa., Aug. 2, 1979
Heck, George Sr., 58, Woodbury, Pa., May 19, 1979
Hilbert, Warren D., 63, Harrisburg, Va., Aug. 19, 1979
Howerton, Frank, 94, Eden, N.C., Aug. 4, 1979
Hulse, Maude M., 74, La Plac, Ill., Aug. 20, 1979
James, Charlene Harris, 52, Eden, N.C., Aug. 4, 1979
Kingsley, Mabel L., 77, Curryville, Pa., Aug. 4, 1979
Knuffman, Sadie, 96, Columbus, Ohio, June 19, 1979
Koenig, Katharine, 92, South Bend, Ind., June 28, 1979
Kuntzer, Lottie, 81, Richmond, Ind., Aug. 1, 1979
Lane, Mary Katherine, 64, New Carlisle, Ohio, Sept. 8, 1979
Lambert, Daniel K., 65, Curryville, Pa., Sept. 1, 1979
Law, Maude E., 90, Dixon, Ill., July 10, 1979
Layman, Cecil, 97, Peru, Ind., July 19, 1979
Linnweaver, Anty, 87, Annville, Pa., April 1979
Linnweaver, William H., 89, Annville, Pa., July 13, 1979
Long, Howard C., 92, Roaring Spring, Pa., July 18, 1979
Minkley, Tillie, 95, York, Pa., June 25, 1979
Mortin, Rhoda, 95, Mercersburg, Pa., July 13, 1979
Miley, Adele, Port Republic, Va., Sept. 4, 1979
Mond, Alta Shafer, 73, Oakwood, Ohio, June 1, 1979
Meyers, Eva Jane, 86, Waterloo, Iowa, July 4, 1979
Miller, Fred, 73, Mercersburg, Pa., June 8, 1979
Moose, Howard, 86, North Liberty, Ind., Aug. 31, 1979
Myers, Paul A., 76, York, Pa., Aug. 14, 1979
Neff, Ida E., 85, Milford, Ind., Aug. 18, 1979
Neskovich, Alex, 63, Lebanon,

Pa., June 19, 1979
Orendorf, Ronald, 34, Greenwood, Del., Aug. 19, 1979
Parker, Ina, 66, Cumberland, Md., Sept. 8, 1979
Patterson, Irene Susan, 86, Vale, W. Va., June 10, 1979
Poffenberger, Robert, 68, Polo, Ill., July 19, 1979
Rhodes, Lola, 72, Nampa, Ida., Oct. 21, 1978
Roberts, Clarence H., 80, Cerro Gordo, Ill., Aug. 26, 1979
Robertson, Alwilda, 78, North Liberty, Ind., June 10, 1979
Roeder, Roy, 66, Peoria, Ill., June 26, 1979
Rogers, Edythe, 73, Roanoke, Va., Feb. 24, 1979
Sawyer, Ethel Rebecca, 66, Silver Spring, Md., Aug. 1, 1979
Shatto, Lottie, 88, Sidney, Ohio, July 25, 1979
Shaw, Harvey E., 85, Manchester, Pa., July 12, 1979
Smith, Nancy Yager, 43, Collegeville, Pa., June 23, 1979
Sollenberger, Betty M., 58, Martinsburg, Pa., June 24, 1979
Spensard, Keller, 94, McPherson, Kan., July 14, 1979
Stambaugh, Clara, 87, Spring Grove, Pa., June 20, 1979
Statler, Margaret, 66, Windber, Pa., Oct. 5, 1979
Stern, Newton P., 48, Martinsburg, Pa., June 12, 1979
Stoner, Charles, 76, Greenville, Ohio, March 10, 1979
Sullivan, Harry E., 86, Thomasville, Pa., July 27, 1979
Thompson, Pearl C., 85, Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 28, 1979
Walker, Grace, 82, Piqua, Ohio, May 25, 1979
Walker, Roy W., 71, Litz, Pa., July 2, 1979
Wampler, Jacob W., 73, Weyers Cave, Va., June 6, 1979
Ward, Jeanne P., 58, Marion, Ohio, July 21, 1979
Weaver, Charles E., 76, Manheim, Pa., July 19, 1979
Wilhelm, Roy, 73, Lebanon, Pa., July 24, 1979
Williams, Kenneth, Warrensburg, Ohio, June 19, 1979
Worley, Gertrude, 84, Hanover, Pa., Aug. 30, 1979

presentation was made by His Excellency, Sir John McPiterson, Governor-General of Nigeria. This honor conferred upon him the title of Howard Bosler, A.B., M.D., O.B.E.

Their last Sunday at the Leger Colony was celebrated by a parade and a four-hour church service. "They seemed to have forgotten all our sins and weaknesses. Any good traits they intensified under high-powered magnification. I'm glad only two other missionaries were present," Howard said.

One of the heartaches of the early missionaries was leaving their older children in the States, since there were no school facilities in Nigeria. So daughter Esther Gene remained with her Gump grandparents after the Boslers' first tour, while Howard and Edith returned to Nigeria alone. Much to their joy, Cynthia Ann was born in 1948, at the Leger Colony.

To build a new life upon returning from the mission field is not easy. But the Boslers were eager to share the healing ministry wherever they went. They settled and worked in the Goshen, Ind., area for 14 years (1950-1964). While in general practice there, Howard did most of his own major and minor surgery, as well as maternity cases. In the summer of 1958 the urge to again practice medicine at the grass roots level took the Boslers to Puerto Rico to work as volunteers in the Castañer Hospital for several months.

During their stay in the Goshen area, Howard represented the Church of the

Brethren on the Mennonite Psychiatric Board to plan, finance and construct the Oaklawn Center at Elkhart, Ind.

From 1964 to 1972, Howard and Edith were involved in still another avenue of healing. They worked at the Norman Beatty Hospital for the mentally ill.

Nearly 50 years after going to Nigeria the Boslers show few signs of slowing down. Howard returned to general practice when they settled in Goshen, Ind., and they volunteered in Castañer Hospital in 1958. From 1964-1972 "Doc" and Edith worked with the criminally insane and with elderly mental patients.

Howard says, "For five of those years I worked with the criminally insane in maximum security. There was a case load of 530 people; 160 of them had committed murder. There were five steel gates between the entrance and my office. It gave me a strange feeling as each gate clanged behind me. I felt vulnerable!"

After five years Howard requested a transfer to the infirmary, where he worked with 300 elderly mental patients "helping the old forgotten cases to be happy." He reflects, "This was a new challenge."

At the age of 73, when most persons are "taking their ease," Howard had become so entrenched in "giving" as a way of life that he contracted with Goshen General Hospital for service in the emergency room for three years. During this time, his desire to be up-to-date with his treatments took him to seminars for emergency medical care in Orlando, Fla., Ann Arbor, Mich., and Philadelphia, Pa.

In 1975, Howard and Edith "retired" to the Greencroft Mennonite Retirement Home in Goshen.

And now, at 80, what are they doing? Howard has been a volunteer for the past

two years, 20 hours a week, at "The World Missionary Press" in New Paris, Ind. His eyes light up with enthusiasm and joy as he describes how they prepare and mail Christian literature in 132 different languages to many countries of the world. He often takes four or five volunteers along to help.

For two years he has been conducting free blood pressure clinics at the Goshen Salvation Army every five weeks. He is now serving his second three-year term on the Greencroft Foundation Board.

To explain his latest project, Howard smiles, glances at his watch and hurries out the door, calling as he goes, "Six evenings a week I feed wheelchair patients here in the home. Can't be late for that, you know!"

The Nigerians have a blessing they offer departing guests: "Way God go before you and sweep the road clean." For Howard and Edith Bosler the road has been long and challenging, but God has, indeed, gone before them, sweeping their road clean. □

Wilfred Hess Grubbs is a freelance writer, a former Nigeria missionary, and is a member of the Brookville, Ohio, congregation.

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Bad, René, of Opa-Locka, Fla., to Church of the Brethren General Offices, Elgin, Ill.

Brubaker, Lillian, of Talmage, Pa., to San Mar Home, Boonesboro, Md.

Brumbaugh, Gwendolyn, of Elgin, Ill., to Church of the Brethren General Offices, Elgin, Ill.

Butcher, Mark, of Lebanon, Pa., to Gould Farm, Monterey, Mass.

Crouse, Gerald, of St. Cloud, Fla., to Gleebe House, Northern Ireland.

Davis, Richard, of Evanston, Ill., to Washington City Church of the Brethren, Washington, D.C.

Dickey, Jane Anne, of Silver Lake, Ind., to Friendship Day Care, Hutchinson, Kan.

Dinkel, Fredrick, to Research Institute of Pomology, Poland

Duerksen, Matthew, of Vienna, Va., to Community of Hope, Washington, D.C.

Early, Duane, of Mesa, Ariz., to Friendship Day Care, Hutchinson, Kan.

Frantz, Daniel A., of Greeley, Colo., not yet assigned

Gascho, Regina, of Clayton, Ohio, to Bridgewater Home, Bridgewater, Va.

Ghost, Cheryl, of Connellsville, Pa., to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.

Harding, Karen, of Garrett, Ind., to The Palms, Sebring, Fla.

Heika, Joyce, of Ashland, Ohio, to John M. Reed Home, Limestone, Tenn.

Hesler, Susan, of Claremont, Calif., to Hospital Castaner, Castaner, Puerto Rico

Hisey, Anna Lee, of Bridgewater, Va., to Parent/Child Crisis Center, Dundalk Church of the Brethren, Baltimore, Md.

Kline, Katherine, of Manassas, Va., to The Solid Rock, Brigham City, Utah

Main, Rick and Mary, of Garber, Okla., to Holiday House, Glasgow, Scotland

Muehlhauser, Ryan, of Sandstone, Minn., to Betterway Inc., Elyria, Ohio

Neber, Christa, of Bridgewater, Va., to Hatfield Day Care Center, Hatfield, Pa.

Overlock, Douglas, of Glendora, Calif., to Hope Project, Dublin, Ireland

Powers, Jeffrey, of Mount Morris, Ill., to LOGOS, Dongola, Ill.

Riberdy, Michael, of Grand Rapids, Mich., to LOGOS, Dongola, Ill.

Shallenberger, Karen, of Baltimore, Md., to World Neighbors, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Smith, Elliott, of Elizabethtown, Pa., to Harrisburg Community Center, Hummel, Pa.

Wiser, Tracy Lee, of Shippensburg, Pa., to Frederick Church of the Brethren, Frederick, Md.

Woody, Diane, of Taft, Calif., to Research Institute of Pomology, Poland

Licensing/ Ordination

Bowser, Roy, licensed Nov. 18, 1979, Center Hill, Western Pennsylvania

Kreider, Dale L., licensed Nov. 24, 1979, Annville, Atlantic Northeast

Meyers, John R., ordained Nov. 11, 1979, Maple Grove, West Marva

Overy, Ronald H., licensed Nov. 24, 1979, Greensburg, Western Pennsylvania

Parker, Jonathan Fred, licensed Dec. 2, 1979, Walnut Grove, Southeastern

Ramirez, Frank R., ordained Nov. 24, 1979, La Verne, Pacific Southwest

Pastoral Placements

Brown, Dennis Lee, from Antioch, Virginia, to Middle River, Shenandoah

Chaffin, Patrick, from Cedar Lake, Northern Indiana, to Flora, South/Central Indiana

Eberly, Roger W., from Cedar Grove of Flat Rock, and UCC, Shenandoah, to Bethesda, Northern Indiana

Fells, H. William, from Sugar Creek, West, Northern Ohio, to Glendale/Lynchaven, Ariz., Pacific Southwest

Fera, Guy, from Altoona, First, Middle Pennsylvania, to Fairview, Middle Pennsylvania

Lehman, Clyde B., from South Bend, City, Northern Indiana to LaPlace, Illinois/Wisconsin

Lintelman, Donald, from other denomination, to Community United-Erie, Western Pennsylvania

Mulvill, John, from other denomination, to Pleasant Valley, N.D., Northern Plains

Shoemaker, Tom, to Arbor Hill, Shenandoah, interim

Shumaker, Terry, from other denomination, to White Branch, South/Central Indiana

Wedding Anniversaries

Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, Hopewell, Va., 50

Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Marion, Springfield, Ohio, 53

Brumbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn, Lorida, Fla., 51

Eisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Sam, Nappanee, Ind., 60

Green, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe, Peru, Ind., 50

Hahn, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence, Friedens, Pa., 52

Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Sarasota, Fla., 50

Henders, Mr. and Mrs. Bob, Lorida, Fla., 50

Hess, Mr. and Mrs. Chester, Quarryville, Pa., 62

Hollenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Fred, Lorida, Fla., 60

Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Dale, Lorida, Fla., 54

Hottel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Friedens, Pa., 50

Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. Jud, McFarland, Calif., 50

Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Frank, Cordell, Okla., 60

Losbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E., Westphalia, Kan., 60

Mangas, Mr. and Mrs. James, Union City, Ind., 50

McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel, Lorida, Fla., 55

McDaniels, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph, Springfield, Ohio, 55

Messmer, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Adel, Iowa, 55

Metzger, Mr. and Mrs. J. W., Decatur, Ill., 60

Morgart, Mr. and Mrs. Edward, New Paris, Pa., 53

Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Carl, Adel, Iowa, 59

Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, McPherson, Kan., 70

Needem, Mr. and Mrs. Rex, Phoenix, Ariz., 50

Neher, Mr. and Mrs. Medford, Pompano Beach, Fla., 60

Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Leo, Seattle, Wash., 54

Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred, Englewood, Ohio, 62

Protsman, Mr. and Mrs. Roger, Sidney, Ohio, 50

Rebok, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar, Waynesboro, Pa., 70

Stouffer, Mr. and Mrs. Earl, Lombard, Ill., 60

Tadlock, Mr. and Mrs. J. O., Easley, Ala., 55

Tom, Mr. and Mrs. Millard, Syracuse, Ind., 50

Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Evan A., Welda, Kan., 61

Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Ortha, Windber, Pa., 56

Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Warren P., Windber, Pa., 56

Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, New Paris, Pa., 50

Whitmer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W., Sebring, Fla., 70

Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul, McFarland, Calif., 50

Wise, Mr. and Mrs. John, Dallas Center, Iowa, 59

Worley, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph, Hanover, Pa., 63

Young, Mr. and Mrs. Walter, Wabash, Ind., 64

Deaths

Angle, Woodie, 74, Boones Mill, Va., Sept. 28, 1979

Arry, Alice Lee, 94, Harrisonburg, Va., Dec. 27, 1979

Bouch, Walter H., 83, Ford City, Pa., Oct. 19, 1979

Bowser, Clarence R., 86, Kittanning, Pa., Nov. 15, 1979

Bradfield, Arnold, 64, South Bend, Ind., Dec. 24, 1979

Buel, Robert, 75, Sebring, Fla., March 21, 1979

Chronister, Ralph E., 61, York, Pa., April 19, 1979

Deener, Clarence W., 86, Knoxville, Md., Nov. 5, 1979

Deener, Merle G., 72, Knoxville, Md., Aug. 7, 1979

Deener, Thelma G., 68, Brunswick, Md., Nov. 1, 1979

Dillon, Rual, 52, Rocky Mount, Va., Nov. 12, 1979

Doll, Ronald, 26, Windber, Pa., Nov. 17, 1979

Elicker, Arline, 66, Hanover, Pa., Nov. 16, 1979

Eshelman, Mabel, 85, Waynesboro, Pa., Nov. 23, 1979

Ester, Harry, 87, Manheim, Pa., Jan. 6, 1980

Ferguson, Icie Sink, 83, Rocky Mount, Va., Nov. 28, 1979

Frazier, Claude E., 62, Harrisonburg, Va., Nov. 17, 1979

Halladay, Sara, 78, North Manchester, Ind., Nov. 16, 1979

Hirritter, Max, Sr., 75, Mount Sidney, Va., Oct. 14, 1979

Hoffman, P. Stein, 87, Romney, W. Va., Nov. 22, 1979

Hood, Fred, 79, Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 21, 1979

Hubbard, Ruth, 83, Pampa, Tex., Nov. 3, 1979

Huffaker, Lauree Whitehead, 78, Greenville, Ohio, Jan. 7, 1980

Kerlin, Ollie M., 77, Nokesville, Va., Dec. 6, 1979

Kooker, Dama, 85, Fostoria, Ohio, Dec. 16, 1979

Lam, Lloyd, 54, Port Republic, Va., Nov. 26, 1979

Layman, Mary Elizabeth, 74, Harrisonburg, Iowa, Sept. 18, 1979

Lesher, Daniel G. H., 94, Waynesboro, Pa., Dec. 21, 1979

Likens, Oma, 81, North Webster, Ind., Oct. 27, 1979

McGwin, Marie, 91, North Liberty, Ind., Nov. 28, 1979

Meyers, Eileen M., 56, Cloverdale, Ohio, Nov. 17, 1979

Miller, Charles A., 98, Garnett, Kan., Nov. 6, 1978

Northland, M. Ellen, 91, York Pa., Nov. 5, 1979

Myers, Josephine Randall, 59, Grottoes, Va., Dec. 25, 1979

Nebendahl, Vernon, 66, Kingsley, Iowa, Dec. 21, 1979

Nelson, Aaron F., 90, Hilledaysburg, Pa., Nov. 24, 1979

Nietzke, Florence, 90, Fontana, Calif., Nov. 14, 1979

Out, L. Ernest Jr., 34, Windther, Pa., Nov. 13, 1979

Out, William Martin, 78, Glendora, Calif., Dec. 24, 1979

Plank, Lula, 84, South Bend, Ind., Nov. 22, 1979

Rhedamer, Linnie, 84, Friedens, Pa., Oct. 17, 1979

Reop, Elsie Emma, 101, Westminster, Md., Oct. 31, 1979

Root, Elsie, 63, Modesto, Calif., June 5, 1977

Snyder, Russell, 81, Duncansville, Pa., Nov. 8, 1979

Stouffer, Boyd, 89, Mount Morris, Ill., Nov. 8, 1979

Vannoyoc, Otho, 79, Weidita, Kan., June 11, 1979

Watkins, Maggie, 81, Weidita, Kan., Sept. 25, 1978

Marching as to war . . . again?

Moving to Elgin a few years back was my first venture into suburban living. I had grown up on a farm and spent my adult life, until the Elgin move, as a missionary in Nigeria. Inspecting our new house in Elgin—and observing there were five others just like it on our block—I noticed a little piece of metal, a sort of socket, attached to the wall outside the front door. Walking to work, I saw that all the neighbors had the same device, so I kept quiet and watched to see what use they made of it. Memorial Day gave the answer—all the houses but one on our block were aflutter with American flags . . . their staffs ensconced in those little metal sockets. I got a screwdriver and took ours off.

Right now flags flutter daily on Dakota Drive, to show solidarity with the hostages in Tehran . . . or is it solidarity with the US news crew thrown out of Kabul? I forget which.

I love flags. I get a charge out of seeing the flag array outside the United Nations headquarters. The US flag looks good atop the capitol in Washington. I admire flags so much that I have a Union Jack saved from my arrival in British Nigeria before independence, and a collection of miniature flags from all the countries I visited when missionarying afforded me the luxury of wide travel.

Flags are fine. The only time I don't like them is when they are used to whip up a patriotic frenzy. Which gets me to my main point: How frighteningly close below the surface of our civilized veneer lurk all the warring passions that the Iran and Afghanistan situations can inflame.

Here I was, thinking blissfully that Vietnam had taught us something, and then in an instant the politicians, columnists and tv newscasters transform us into a warring throng, all in step together and marching as to war. The unthinkable—military intervention—becomes a tolerable thought.

Is war to always be a constant in our make-up as human beings? Is there any hope of somehow persuading God's children—all of us—to study war no more? One would think a view of a gruesome film such as *Apocalypse Now* would be sufficient to convince anyone of the wrongness of war. Yet, in that film is portrayed Lieutenant Colonel Kilgore, who gets megalomaniacal satisfac-

tion destroying Vietnamese villages with his helicopter-borne air cavalry. War affords some people—and nations—the time of their lives . . . their "finest hour."

Not to be overlooked is the attractiveness of war as a *simple* answer to a problem. When a mean kid on the playground grabs your cap and runs with it, you catch him and trounce him. If another country makes a motion toward your oil suppliers, your impulse is to "nuke them." Nor can we overlook the way war unites a country and makes its people feel like brothers and sisters. The neighbors on the block who drive noisy cars and let their dogs spoil your shrubbery are all forgiven when you and they are flying the flag. Unless those *Star Trek* kinds of fantasies come true and "alien worlds" threaten Earth, we may not unite our global neighbors, but we sure know how to unite a *country's* people: Go to war.

In the face of all this, should we despair? No. God's kingdom has no place in it for war. So, without naively imagining that we will live to see the eradication of war, we should continue to preach Christ's message of peace, to proclaim and witness to the peace message of the Church of the Brethren, based on our New Testament understanding. We should support those individuals and institutions that are working toward creating reconciliation and understanding among people and nations at odds with each other.

As individuals, be a little daring. Dare to speak up when a neighbor suggests we send the marines into Tehran. Dare to denounce draft registration. Dare to believe that a Moslem's religious beliefs don't have to accommodate Western culture, its political and economic systems. Dare to believe that other countries can hold aspirations as valid as our own. Dare to wonder if the American way of life is superior to all alternatives. Dare to suspect that the other countries' people are about as gullible as we are—would-be peaceable, lovable, neighborly, but susceptible to nationalistic rallying calls that can turn them into patriotic monstrosities.

Think on these things as you run up the Stars and Stripes outside your front door tomorrow.—K.T.

Licensing/ Ordination

Colvin, Michael O., licensed Nov. 25, 1979, Des Moines/Stover Memorial, Michigan

Hoover, James L., licensed Jan. 27, 1980, Belvidere, York, Southern Pennsylvania

Moore, Rodney L., licensed June 10, 1979, South Waterloo, Northern Plains

Venkatsammy, Parsram, licensed Jan. 27, 1980, Rockingham Missouri, Northern Plains

Wenger, William W., licensed Feb. 17, 1980, Shippensburg, Southern Pennsylvania

Pastoral Placements

Cooper, Scott, from supply, Western Pennsylvania, to Rockwood, Western Pennsylvania

Hodges, H. Lester, From supply minister, to Boones Chapel, Roanoke County, Virginia, part-time

Hopwood, Paul, from other denomination, to Anderson, South/Central Indiana, associate

LeCount, Ronald, from Sunnyslope, Oregon/Washington, to Bakersfield, Pacific Southwest

Lehman, Randall S., from secular, to Muskegon, Michigan

Lewis, Joseph A., from Yellow Creek, Middle Pennsylvania, to Community Mission, Shenandoah

Ottman, Berwyn L., from Des Moines, Stover Memorial, Northern Plains, to St. Petersburg, Florida, Puerto Rico

Sage, Glen H., from Crab Orchard, Virginia, to Red Hill, Virginia

Stauffer, Paul, from Woodland, Illinois/Wisconsin, to Midland, Michigan

Venkatsammy, Parsram, from seminary, to Eden Valley, Western Plains

Zeigler, Arthur S., from Lancaster Theological Seminary, to Beaver Creek, Mid-Atlantic

Wedding Anniversaries

Barnhart, Mr. and Mrs. Frank, Delphi, Ind., 63

Baschore, Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Hummelstown, Pa., 60

Biser, Mr. and Mrs. Osa, Troy, Ohio, 65

Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Cedric, Stuart, Fla., 50

Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice F., Estero, Fla., 50

Faskick, Mr. and Mrs. Carris, West Milton, Ohio, 56

Foltz, Mr. and Mrs. Ora, Winchester, Va., 60

Heiny, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice, Modesto, Calif., 50

Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Myron, Sebring, Fla., 50

Kreider, Mr. and Mrs. Bard, Lititz, Pa., 56

Lanter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, Cerro Gordo, Ill., 60

Post, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Chadwick, Ill., 56

Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Tom, Lacey, Wash., 60

Weist, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel, Ephrata, Pa., 60

Whitmer, Mr. and Mrs. Roy, Frederick, Md., 50

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Newton, Windber, Pa., 60

Deaths

Artley, Ina Marie, 58, Nappanee, Ind., Oct. 13, 1979

Aten, John, 74, Ashland, Ohio, Jan. 10, 1980

Blake, Ralph, 70, Nappanee, Ind., Feb. 8, 1980

Blaylock, Harley F., 87, St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 2, 1980

Bowers, Bertha, 79, Dixon, Ill., Jan. 23, 1980

Bowers, Ralph, 55, Annandale, Va., Jan. 7, 1980

Coffman, Charles W., 76, South English, Iowa, Jan. 31, 1980

Cripe, Emma, 94, North Manchester, Ind., Oct. 9, 1979

Flora, Lydia, 97, Rocky Ford, Colo., Jan. 11, 1980

Frick, Maude Isabelle, 94, Empire, Calif., Dec. 4, 1979

Gerdes, Viola Eisenbise, 87, Dixon, Ill., Jan. 12, 1980

Gish, Raymond L., 72, Modesto, Calif., Dec. 16, 1979

Gordon, Lenora Lavinia, 72, Boonsboro, Md., Jan. 26, 1980

Hertzog, Eva, 73, Ephrata, Pa., Oct. 21, 1979

High, Cora May, 83, Hanover, Pa., Jan. 26, 1980

Holder, Robert Lee, 71, Knoxville, Md., Jan. 28, 1980

Inler, Mabel, 73, Bellwood, Pa., Feb. 7, 1980

Jackson, Phyllis, 49, Ashland, Ohio, Jan. 3, 1980

Johns, Dorothy J., 53, Lacey, Wash., Jan. 31, 1980

Keeling, James, 64, Springfield, Ohio, Feb. 6, 1980

Lehigh, David, 30, Lititz, Pa., Jan. 13, 1980

Light, Jennie Shaver, 95, Roanoke, Va., Jan. 12, 1980

Martin, Dorothy, Lafayette, Ind., Jan. 13, 1980

McAvoy, Vivian Hitchcock, 93, Boones Mill, Va., Oct. 17, 1979

McBride, Eleanor, 68, Ashland, Ohio, Jan. 22, 1980

McClelland, Ruby, 78, Lorinda, Fla., Dec. 11, 1979

McHadden, Flora, 76, Kittanning, Pa., Dec. 21, 1979

McRoberts, Roy J., 82, Cope-mish, Mich., Feb. 13, 1980

Meyers, Delta A., 64, Denale Beach, Md., May 2, 1979

Miller, Ada Keller, 78, Dayton, Ohio, Feb. 1, 1980

Miller, Arthur, 88, Sebring, Fla., Dec. 27, 1979

Miller, Dora, 92, Mannheim, Pa., Nov. 14, 1979

Nesbaum, Edward, 92, Wankarusa, Ind., Sept. 17, 1979

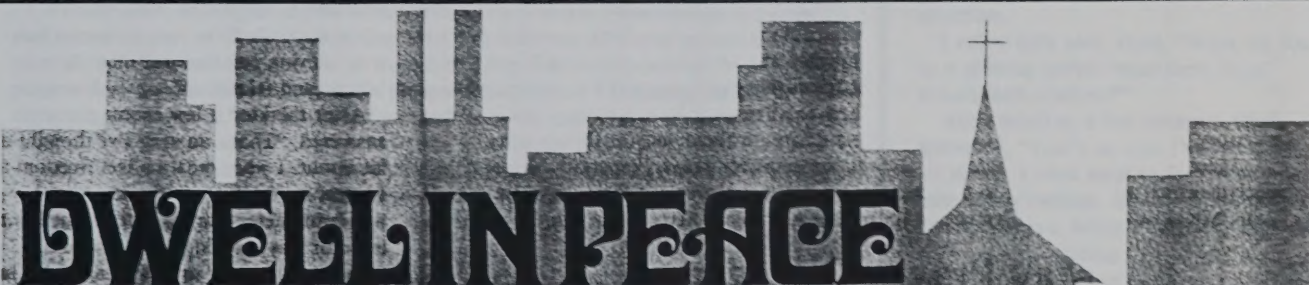
Oberdick, Ruth L., 76, York, Pa., Feb. 6, 1978

Porterfield, W.J. Sr., Sebring, Fla., Dec. 22, 1979

Reed, Amos, 84, Clarkston, Wash., Oct. 19, 1978

Reed, Nada, 88, San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 16, 1980

Sanson, Gerald, 68, Gurnard, Ill., Jan. 4, 1980



DWELL IN PEACE

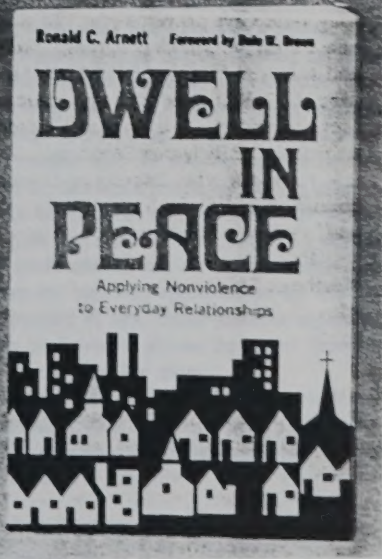
by **RONALD C. ARNETT**

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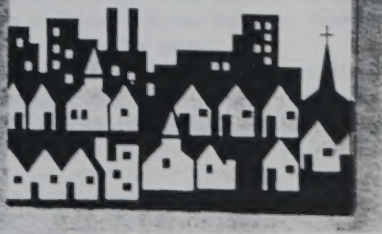
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Ronald C. Arnett Foreword by Dale W. Bruns

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prayer calendar

William Law, an English mystic of the 18th century, wrote, "Intercession is a great and necessary part of Christian devotion. The first followers of Christ seemed to support all their love and to maintain all their fellowship and correspondence by mutual prayers for one another. This was the ancient friendship of Christians, uniting and cementing their hearts." We are joined with others as we remember them in regular intercessory prayer, sharing with God our deepest desire for them and for the church.

Again, we ask that you share with us your concerns for prayer, especially those concerns which are of interest to our church family beyond your own congregation. Write: MESSENGER Prayer Calendar, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120.

May Prayer Calendar

May 4-10: Give prayer support to Renée Baad of Miami, Fla., in her work with the new Parish Ministries program, "Brethren Lifeline," designed to minister to moving and scattered Brethren (see March MESSENGER, page 3).

May 11-17: Remember communications staff members Harriet Blake, Stewart Hoover, Steve Simmons, Fred Swartz, Kermon Thomasson and Howard Royer as they participate in the Religious Communications Congress in Nashville, Tenn., May 12-16.

Pray for the interdenominational conference to train youth leaders and counselors at Elizabethtown College, May 16-18, and for participating General Board staff members Ralph and Mary Cline Detrick.

Pray for staff members Dale Minnich and Don Stern as they lead the Atlantic Northeast Stewardship Seminar at Elizabethtown College, May 16-18.

May 18-24: Remember in prayer Monroe Good and Joe Mason in their new positions as district executives in Middle Pennsylvania and Southern Ohio, respectively.

Pray for Jim and Judy Kipp, in Nigeria on a medical work assignment, and Ralph and Flossie Royer, recently returned to Niger for rural service.

May 25-31: Pray for the new church extension effort of Virilina District being undertaken in Blacksburg, Va., and in the organization of a New Church Development Fund Campaign in that district.

Pray for the Lybrook Community Ministries in Cuba, N.M., in establishing an inpatient alcoholism rehabilitation center (see February MESSENGER, page 8).

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would grow back but the second time he said it wouldn't. Being sick has made her face look old and recently she has been too sick to bother with make-up."

Mary went on, "Another visitor asked if the girl in the picture on the counter in my sister's room was her granddaughter. She cried about that. The girl is her daughter, and people used to think they must be sisters because she looked so young. She was so proud of her beautiful hair and her good looks. It is painful for her to be reminded of the way she has changed."

Tolerate your personal discomfort. It is important to recognize your own discomfort at being confronted with a grieving patient. It is necessary to be tolerant and accepting of these feelings in yourself and not to be fearful of showing ill persons that they are cared about. It isn't so important what is said verbally, if the visitor is sincere and concerned, this, the nonverbal message, will be the message that comes through.

Reading some of the many writings on grief can be a way to become more insightful and comfortable with the grief situation.

I asked Ed's wife, Opal, "What do you as a grieving person want most from friends and relatives?"

After thinking a few moments Opal answered, "That's an area I've thought a lot about. I want most to feel freedom to express my feelings. Support comes by just being here, being sensitive whether to leave or stay, picking cues from me, allowing me to cry or to be angry. By just listening—although not necessarily agreeing with what I say I'm angry about, because that may not be the real problem. I want visitors to share with me the way Ed was, this man who was my whole life. I want to talk over happy memories and remember him the way he used to be."

You can learn much by sharing grief with others. For me, working with sick people has repeatedly stimulated a feeling of gratitude for my own good health and gave me renewed appreciation for the opportunity of life. Other positive aspects can be found in almost any grief situation if one is alert for them.

Best of all, you can be assured that in heeding Christ's admonition to visit the sick, you have been the "neighbor" you are called to be. □

Ruth Davidhizar is a nursing instructor, and a member of the Holdeman Mennonite church, Wakarusa, Ind.

Licensing/ Ordination

Burvischack, Roman, licensed March 9, 1980, Longmeadow Church, Mid-Atlantic
Brown, Edward Martin IV., licensed March 16, 1980, Easley, Southeastern
Good, Lester, licensed March 16, 1980, Flat Creek (Mud Lick), Southern Ohio
Smith, Eugene M., ordained March 16, 1980, Paul-Immanuel, Atlantic Northeast
Wampler, Mary Virginia, commissioned lay speaker, Jan. 13, 1980, Jackson Park, Southeastern

Pastoral Placements

Brown, E. Martin, from secular, to Fruitdale, Southeastern
Few, William R., from Reba Place Staff, Evanston, Ill., to Chicago, First, Illinois/Wisconsin
Layman, John P., from Dundalk, Baltimore, Mid-Atlantic, to Lost Creek, Southern Pennsylvania
McDaniel, Alton L., from Staunton, Shenandoah, to Quinter, Western Plains
Middle, J.D., from other de-

nomination, to Hershey, Associate, Atlantic Northeast
Shoenberger, Calvin, Jr., to Diehl's Crossing, Middle Pennsylvania
Sizemore, Butler, from Flat Creek, Southern Ohio, to Sugar Creek, West, Northern Ohio
Tyner, Larry, from other denomination, to Arbor Hill, Shenandoah
van den Doel, Anthony, from Netherlands, to Reformed Church, Paramaribo, SURINAM, S.A.
Zack, Nevin H., from Goshen City, Northern Indiana, to Palmyra, Atlantic Northeast, interim

Wedding Anniversaries

Bigaman, Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge, Fruitland, Ida., 50
Carle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P., Woodbury, Pa., 50
Garr, Mr. and Mrs. Paul S., Mount Crawford, Va., 50
Hoff, Mr. and Mrs. Andy, Westminster, Md., 50
Holsinger, Mr. and Mrs. Emma, Quakertown, Pa., 57
Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence, Monticello, Ind., 68
Lamter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, Cerro Gordo, Ill., 60

Lantz, Mr. and Mrs. Louis, Monticello, Ind., 61
Metzger, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilbert, Decatur, Ill., 60
Moyer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G., Roaring Spring, Pa., 50
Nimby, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil, Dallas Center, Iowa, 55
Over, Mr. and Mrs. Edward, Woodbury, Pa., 60
Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Hummelstown, Pa., 57
Ramirez, Mr. and Mrs. Fred, Garden City, Kan., 65
Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Ray, Monticello, Ind., 56
Spores, Mr. and Mrs. John, Akron, Ohio, 50
Stamm, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Middletown, Ind., 50
Wofford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Emmaus, Pa., 56

Deaths

Arnold, Paul, 84, Greenville, Ohio, Nov. 4, 1979
Bowman, Macy A., 82, Martinsville, Va., Mar. 24, 1980
Cox, Ernest, 75, Warrensburg, Mo., Feb. 27, 1980
Dewene, Ada Carter, 87, Roanoke, Va., Dec. 19, 1979
Flory, Ruby, 74, Greenville, Ohio, Jan. 31, 1980
Frantz, Maurice S., 92, Nampa, Ida., Feb. 7, 1980
Gardner, Elmer, Bridgewater Va., Feb. 1, 1980

Hays, Horton, 78, Dallas Center, Iowa, Feb. 21, 1980
Hilbert, Raymond, 64, Bridgewater, Va., Aug. 15, 1979
Hilsey, Lenna Hilbert, 63, Bridgewater, Va., Feb. 7, 1980
Hoover, Stella May, 81, Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 12, 1980
Jameson, Lura V., 90, Modesto, Calif., March 7, 1980
Jordan, Oliver William, 80, Mount Crawford, Va., Jan. 18, 1980
Kaetzel, Dean, 34, Oak Park, Ill., Nov. 25, 1979
Kiracode, Edgar S., 84, Huntington, Pa., Apr. 10, 1979
Lambert, Hilda Snyder, 55, Bridgewater, Va., Jan. 20, 1980
Landes, Kermit Koontz, 71, Harrisonburg, Va., Feb. 12, 1980
McDaniel, Grace B., 90, Kingsbury, Calif., Dec. 23, 1979
McRoberts, Roy, 82, Cope-mish, Mich., Feb. 13, 1980
Manning, R. Clayton, 79, Roanoke, Va., Oct. 27, 1979
Metzger, Ida, 84, La Verne, Calif., March 2, 1980
Nelson, Mary Nellie, 101, Warrensburg, Mo., March 2, 1980
Nora, Leonard M., 72, Mount Joy, Pa., Feb. 9, 1980
Perry, Leslie Lawrence, 77, Modesto, Calif., Feb. 3, 1980
Peterson, Mary M. Gauby, 93,

Portis, Kan., Feb. 11, 1980
Royer, Howell B., 75, Taneytown, Md., Nov. 3, 1979
Seal, John, 68, Woodstock, Va., Jan. 19, 1980
Seese, Fred, 54, Windber, Pa., Jan. 27, 1980
Selders, Pearl Virginia, 71, Bridgewater, Va., Jan. 23, 1980
Shawn, Alice, 82, Sebring, Fla., Dec. 22, 1979
Sheets, Ollie, 89, Naperville, Ill., Jan. 27, 1980
Shenamon, Harvey, 80, North Liberty, Ind., Feb. 16, 1980
Shuder, Cleveland, 89, Milford, Ind., Feb. 6, 1980
Sines, Robert E., 77, Flora, Ind., Feb. 23, 1980
Solder, Benton, 90, Zanesville, Ohio, Jan., 1980
Stehman, Helen T., 57, Phoenixville, Pa., Jan. 29, 1980
Stratton, Ruby, 85, Greenville, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1979
Timmmons, Gail, 89, Prairie City, Iowa, Nov. 26, 1979
Tooker, Crete, 75, Modesto, Calif., Jan. 2, 1980
Underwood, Dec. Sr., 77, Roanoke, Va., Jan. 12, 1980
Upton, Lola, 94, Spindale, N.C., Dec. 23, 1979
Volm, Dorothy Kurtz, Indiana, Pa., Feb. 15, 1980
Wagoner, Ella, 93, Delphi, Ind., Jan. 28, 1980



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CHILDREN'S PEACE BOOKS

"Read me a story."

I looked down, and there was my little boy clad in pajamas that covered his toes, with two library books clutched under his arm and a hopeful glint in his two big expressive eyes.

For a long time I looked at him. I really shouldn't, I told myself. He is only trying to postpone bedtime. Besides, I've read most of those stories to his two older brothers and sister so many times.

The big eyes remained steady on mine, a wistful smile, and then, "Okay, crawl up on my lap." To be perfectly truthful, I probably enjoy it as much as he does. It is a chance to be together by ourselves, to talk over the day, and to enjoy a rousing story and each other.

The stories we read to our children are a part of their religious education. With careful selection, many children's books become effective tools to communicate our quest for important values in life. Yet, frequently I find myself reading stories whose values undermine the important ideals I want to leave with my children.

From the Lists

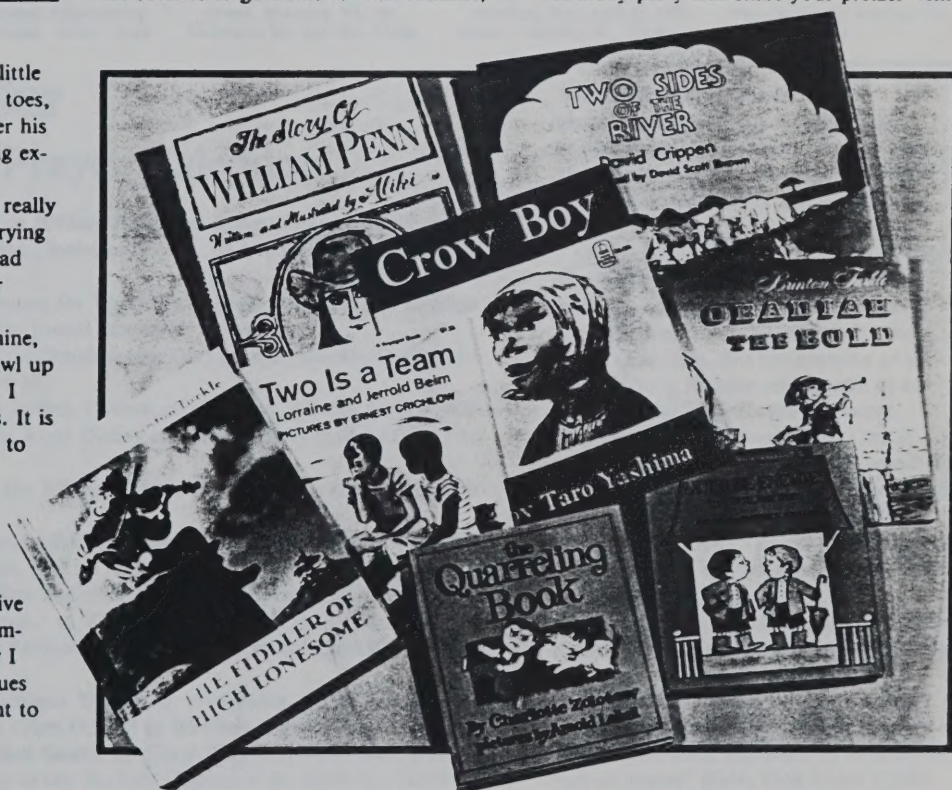
For several years, Dale and Ruth Aukerman have shared this same concern. Operating the "Children's Peace Project" on a shoestring budget out of their home in Linwood, Md., they maintain a list of books that are helpful to developing attitudes of peace, offer suggestions for establishing a children's peace shelf in the congregation's church library and fill orders for children's books.

Others have been at it also. Provident Bookstores (Mennonites) have a pamphlet, "Books That Make for Peace" and the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Friends) has recently put out a list. Other lists are available from time to time. Some of the best from these lists are:

Potatoes, Potatoes by Anita Lobel (Harper and Row, \$7.50). This story is of sons going off to war, a mother's potato field and hungry soldiers coming back to find potatoes. How the mother persuaded the soldiers to go home to their families,

tragedy when the Fogles kill the animals who come out in the moonlight to hear the music. The author, Brinton Turkle, is also well known for his delightful stories about the young Friend, Obadiah. Also books about peace, these include *Obadiah the Bold*, *Thy Friend*, *Obadiah*, and *Rachel and Obadiah*.

Let's *Be Enemies* by Janice May Udry (Harper and Row, \$4.95) is delightfully illustrated by Maurice Sendak. When you have a friend, you invite him to your birthday party and share your pretzel with



and her sons to bury their swords and medals and plant new potatoes is a story of peace.

The Fiddler of High Lonesome by Brinton Turkle (Viking, \$6.50) is a more somber tale. Lysander Bochamp, a fiddler, goes to live with his gun-toting, moonshining cousins, the Fogles, who spit and quarrel all day long. Lysander's fiddling brings joy to the valley and also

him. But a friend who always wants to be boss and who takes all your crayons is your enemy. So John decides to be enemies with James, but then they immediately go off together roller-skating and sharing pretzels again.

Charlotte Zolotow, the author of many books for children, has done superbly with *The Quarreling Book* and *The Hating Book*. The first of these describes

Licensing/ Ordination

Barkey, Ray W., licensed April 27, 1980, Crest Manor Church, Northern Indiana

Bowser, JuliAnne, licensed April 13, 1980, Chicago, First, Illinois/Wisconsin

Damohoo, Byron Douglas, licensed April 27, 1980, West Milton, Southern Ohio

Martin-Adkins, Ronald, ordained May 4, 1980, Champaign, Illinois/Wisconsin

Miller, David Racy, licensed April 20, 1980, Greenmount, Shenandoah

Slonebaugh, Dennis L., ordained Philadelphia, First, Atlantic Northeast

Pastoral Placements

Bowler, William, continues at Miami, First and to Morning Star, Florida/Puerto Rico

Brousche, Stephen, from Beth-

any Seminary, to Ft. Myers, Florida/Puerto Rico

Colwin, Michael, from secular, to Woodbridge, Mid-Atlantic

Cox, Raymer D., from Fairview, Northern Plains, to Big Creek, Southern Plains

Curry, Mitchell L., from other denomination, to Los Angeles Imperial Heights, Pacific Southwest

Gaeding, Peter, to Stanley, Illinois/Wisconsin

Graeber, Phillip J., from Pleasant Plains, Southern Plains, to Pleasant Valley, Tenn., Southeastern

Hatfield, Terry, from Liberty, Illinois/Wisconsin, to Peoria, Illinois/Wisconsin

Kinsey, A. Lee, from Bethany Seminary, to Cedar Lake, Northern Indiana

Myers, Cletus S., from retirement, to Black River, Northern Ohio

Powers, Jeanie & Tom, from Bethany Seminary, to Dundalk, Baltimore, Mid-Atlantic

Riemann, Louise Anne, from

Bethany Seminary, to South Bend, Prince of Peace, Northern Indiana

Wedding Anniversaries

Bashore, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer, Bethel, Pa., 50

Gibble, Mr. and Mrs. Emmert, Hershey, Pa., 50

Gish, Mr. and Mrs. William Warren, McPherson, Kan., 65

Hershey, Mr. and Mrs. Graybill, Manheim, Pa., 62

Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. Emory, Baltimore, Md., 60

Keeney, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Loganville, Pa., 50

Kuiss, Mr. and Mrs. John, Bird-in-hand, Pa., 50

Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D., Broadway, Va., 50

McCay, Mr. and Mrs. Earl, Argos, Ind., 52

Michael, Mr. and Mrs. H.D., Seattle, Wash., 70

Muntzing, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest, Roanoke, Va., 50

Steinmetz, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde,

Ephrata, Pa., 50

Wisner, Mr. and Mrs., Maynard, Polo, Ill., 50

Yearn, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, Dayton, Ohio, 50

Deaths

Andes, Willard, 90, Midland, Va., April 9, 1980

Brunk, Fred J., 72, Fresno, Calif., April 27, 1980

Burkholder, Jacob, 70, Ephrata, Pa., Feb. 21, 1980

Coffman, Curt Ray, 20, Kalona, Iowa, March 3, 1980

Coffman, Elvert, 57, Dayton, Va., Aug. 28, 1979

Conner, Lewis B., 66, Duncansville, Pa., Feb. 24, 1980

Darkower, Hazel R., 69, Carlisle, Pa., May 3, 1980

Flora, Newton B., 67, Boones Mill, Va., Feb. 18, 1980

Goshorn, Robert, 80, Sebring, Fla., April 13, 1980

Heddings, Roy A., 96, Midland, Va., March 6, 1980

Hoover, Mary E., 84, Hollidaysburg, Pa., April 23, 1980

Huber, Minnie, 90, Goshen,

Ind., March 14, 1980

McMillan, Emmett Earl, 65, San Luis Obispo, Calif., April 2, 1980

Mercle, Susie, 91, Modesto, Calif., April 8, 1980

Miller, Roy Forest, 86, Bridge-water, Va., April 24, 1980

Myers, Mary Herbst, 94, Hanover, Pa., April 20, 1980

Pool, Laro Ellen, 89, New Haven, N.C., March 7, 1980

Pratt, George Alvin, 86, Kingsley, Iowa, April 2, 1980

Raw, Nellie G., 73, Beaverton, Mich., March 3, 1980

Stayer, Jesse L., 87, Martinsburg, Pa., May 3, 1980

Stiffler, Ora, 88, Duncansville, Pa., February 23, 1980

Stonebraker, Mabel, 92, McPherson, Kan., April 27, 1980

Varner, Myrtle, 88, Duncansville, Pa., April 7, 1980

Widdowson, William L., 94, Waynesboro, Pa., April 20, 1980

Wise, Ruth, 66, Sebring, Fla., April 13, 1980

prayer calendar

August Prayer Calendar

August 3-9: Give prayer support to BVSers Amy and Robert Olsen serving at Immokalee Neighborhood Services, Inc., Immokalee, Fla., and to Karen Harding at The Palms, Sebring, Fla.

Pray for the National Conference for Women and Men, August 7-10, at Elizabethtown College, sponsored by the Parish Ministries Commission.

Uphold in prayer the work of the Southeastern District, assembled in Conference in Jefferson City, Tenn., August 8-10.

August 10-16: Remember BVSers Jeffrey Powers and Michael Riberdy serving with Logos, Inc., Dongola, Ill. and Jane Anne Dickey and Duane Early at Friendship Day Care Center, Hutchinson, Kan.

Pray for the conference of the Missouri, Southern and Arkansas District at Cabool, Mo., August 15-16.

August 17-23: Give prayer support to BVSers Anna Lee Hisey, serving at Dundalk Church of the Brethren, Baltimore, Md.; Tracy Wiser, at Frederick Church of the Brethren, Frederick, Md.; and Lillian Brubaker, at San Mar Home, Boonsboro, Md.

Remember Matthew Duerksen, at Community of Hope, Church of the Nazarene, Washington, D.C., and Richard Davis, serving at Washington City Church of the Brethren.

Support the work of the Michigan District in conference at St. Louis, Mo., August 21-24 and of the Northern Ohio District at Bluffton, Ohio, August 22-24.

August 24-30: Pray for BVSers Elliott Smith, serving at First Church of the Brethren, Harrisburg, Pa., and Christa Neher at the Hatfield Church of the Brethren, Hatfield, Pa.

Remember Mark Bucher at Gould Farm, Monterey, Mass.; Ryan Muehlheiser at Betterway, Inc., Elyria, Ohio, and Karen Shallenberger at World Neighbors International Headquarters at Oklahoma City, Okla.

August 31-September 6: Give prayer support to BVSers Joyce Heiks, at the John M. Reed Home, Inc., Limestone, Tenn., and Regina Gascho at Gould Farm, Monterey, Mass., to Katherine Kline at The Solid Rock, Brigham City, Utah, and to Norma Nielsen at Norborne Day Care Center, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Uphold in prayer the work of the Goals and Budget Committee and of the Executive Committee of the General Board, meeting September 6-7.

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storm, convinced there were spiritual powers trying to kill them. And so they prayed and danced and chanted to ward off the demonic forces and to enlist the aid of kindly gods, if such there were.

Old Testament religion contains vestiges of primitive belief. Yahweh "thunders" from the mountain-top, sends plagues upon the Egyptians. Nature itself, over which God rules, has the capacity to terrify. There is nothing sentimental or romantic in the biblical view of nature. What nature does reveal about God is God's power and majesty, God's awe-fullness. The people of Israel were filled with awe. "Fear before him, all the earth," wrote the Psalmist. The book of Deuteronomy says, "Fear this glorious and awful name, the Lord your God."

Now, perhaps, you can begin to understand why I have been insisting it is wrong to sentimentalize nature. It is doubly wrong when we suppose that the beauty of nature teaches us what is essential to know about God. Contrary to what many "nature-lovers" think, God is not a jolly green giant sort of deity.

What nature can teach us about God has mostly to do with God's power, God's awe-fullness. If you want a nature hymn that says it like it is, how about the one in which God's "robe is the light, his canopy space"? "His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form/And dark is his path on the wings of the storm." Such poetry is just as necessary, and in this generation, even more necessary, than

Planning Worship

The Family Worship Idea Book (by Edward C. May, Concordia) presents ideas for creative family devotions—methods, resources and materials to involve the whole family in discussion, planning and follow-through for family worship. This is not a devotional book, but rather a resource to encourage, stimulate and help in preparation of family devotions. Published by Concordia (Missouri Synod Lutheran Church), this resource presents a major section on the church year, outlining special days and suggested scripture readings and observances for them. Other helpful sections include family events (anniversaries, birthdays, baptisms, reunions), the prayer life of the family and the use of music and worship centers during worship. Many prayers, litanies, poems and readings are included in each section and beautiful black line drawings enhance the artistic quality of the book (\$2.95).

Happiness is a Family Time Together (by Lois Bock and Miji Working, Revell) will help families develop an environment in which they can discover God and each other in a relational, experiential way. Both the Bock and Working families discovered that when they came together at least once a week for special times of family togetherness, the result was closer family communication and deeper spiritual life.

Six major units are included in this book: I'm an Important Person, Our Family is Special, Living Things Grow, At Home in the World, Being in God's Family is Special and We Have a Future. Each of the 25 family sessions include "Family Sharing" (open communication through dialog and scripture reading), "Family Fun" (enjoyable activities for all ages), and "Together Before God" (informal prayers for the family). Though not the traditional "family worship book," this resource's central emphasis is clear—all that we are and all that we do as a family is a part of family worship (\$5.95).

For Home and Church

Let Them Worship; a Cross-Denominational Book of Worship Resources for ages 4 to 18 (by Kathleen Sladen) is for "parents, grandparents, God-parents, aunts, uncles, teachers, clergy, camp leaders. . . ." Parents of small children will appreciate the practical tips—simple posters to make, experiments to be tried, scrap book ideas—for helping children recognize the religious side of normal, everyday experiences. Parents and Sunday school teachers are urged to take the child's natural capacity for wonder and relate it to the basic sense of wonder and awe which underlies all true Christian worship.

Themes developed in *Let Them Worship* include children's worship in the home, church school, and congregation; music and singing as part of worship; children's experience with prayer and their understanding of the communion service. A book which will help parents, teachers, and pastors of many denominations, including the Church of the Brethren, in their ministry of bringing children closer to God (\$3.95).

Worship is for All Ages (by Stan Steward and Pauline Hubner) is more than an ideas book or a catalog of worship resources. First the authors address the basic questions, "Why should we worship together?" and "Are our children welcome in the worshipping congregations?" Then they share accounts of how worshipping together with all ages is currently happening within traditional services in average congregations, and suggest resources for worshipping together during special times in the church's life.

This book helps us see that family worship is broader than worship times which occur in the home setting, and will prove helpful to parents and other leaders as they plan for family worship times with the total congregation (\$5). — JUNE A. MILLER

June A. Miller is Parish Ministries staff for educational resources/teacher training.

INVITATION—Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren invites Brethren moving into Knoxville, Tenn., area to worship with us. We invite people traveling north or south to visit us. Going south on I-75, turn off on Emory Road, (8 mi. north of Knoxville); go east (turn left) four miles to Pelleaux Road. First church (brick) on the right. Call John Crumley (615) 687-6474 or W.C. Crumley at (615) 687-1892.

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Adair, Emmanuel, of Lagos, Nigeria, to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.
Bley, Nancy, of Morrill, Kan., to Mother Goose Child Development Center, Elgin, Ill.
Bloome, Diane, of Harrisburg, Pa., to Camp Woodland Altars, Peebles, Ohio
Bryner, Bill, of Shelocta, Pa., to Camp Eder, Fairfield, Pa.
Bryner, Linda, of Strasburg, Pa., overseas assignment ending
Eart, Loretta, of Salem, Ohio, to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.
Gale, Nanette, of New Enterprise, Pa., to First Church of the Brethren, Harrisburg, Pa.
Gil, Carol, of Orinda, Calif., to United Faith Ministries, Denver, Colo.
Kiger, Odile, of Luxembourg, Therapeutic Homes, Inc., Modesto, Calif.
Spring, Carrie, of Portland, Ore., to The Palms, Sebring, Fla.
VanKempfen, Gail, of Delmar, N.Y., overseas assignment ending.

Licensing/ Ordination

Archbold, Phill Carlos, licensed May 25, 1980, Brooklyn First
Barber, Stephen, licensed June 1, 1980, Santa Ana, Pacific/Southwest
Carter, Phillip D., licensed June 1, 1980, Santa Ana, Pacific Southwest
Dixon, Stephen, licensed June 1, 1980, White Cottage, Southern Ohio
Eller, Anna Belle, ordained April 13, 1980, Akron First, Northern Ohio
Fawl, Doris Jean, ordained May 18, 1980, Washington Creek, Western Plains
Freese, Dawn L., licensed July 6, 1980, Pottstown, Atlantic Northeast
Gohn, Greg, commissioned lay speaker, May 25, 1980, County Line, Western Pennsylvania
Halterman, Ernest B., ordained June 1, 1980, New Dale, Shenandoah
Langdon, Kenneth J., licensed May 25, 1980, Bethel, Western Plains
Layman, Anita Marie, licensed April 13, 1980, Waynesboro, Shenandoah
Lipscomb, Kreston, R., or-

ained May 11, 1980, Lower Miami, Southern Ohio
Lucore, Donald, licensed May 25, 1980, Newton, Western Plains
Marshall, Dick A., licensed June 1, 1980, Sugar Creek, East, Northern Ohio
Meyer, Lauree Hersch, licensed June 8, 1980, York Center, Illinois/Wisconsin
Miller, Alan E., ordained May 18, 1980, Hatfield, Atlantic Northeast
Miller, Kathleen A., ordained May 18, 1980, Hatfield, Atlantic Northeast
Morris, Robert Lee III, licensed April 13, 1980, Bridgewater, Shenandoah
Nonemaker, Alesia Beth Holmes, ordained June 8, 1980, Douglas Park, Illinois/Wisconsin
Nonemaker, Keith Andrew, ordained June 8, 1980, Douglas Park, Illinois/Wisconsin
Peters, William T., licensed April 27, 1980, Amaranth, Mid-Pennsylvania
Ringgold, Daniel S., licensed May 25, 1980, Maple Spring, Western Pennsylvania
Shaeffer, Charles A., licensed May 18, 1980, Tuscarora, Southern Pennsylvania
Wagner, Liane, licensed June 1, 1980, Burnham, Middle Penn-

sylvania
Wine, David M., ordained June 1, 1980, Buckeye, Western Plains

Pastoral Placements

Barber, Doug, from Bethany Seminary, to West Milton, Southern Ohio
Dietz, Paul E., from secular, to Bean Settlement, West Marva
Enberg, Dwight, from secular, to Long Beach, Pacific Southwest
Huffaker, John L., from Naperville, Bethel, Illinois/Wisconsin, to Cumberland, Living Stone, West Marva
Jenkins, Fredric, from Bethany Seminary, to Germantown Ministries, Atlantic Northeast
Keegan, Gerald, continues as student, and to Circleville, Southern Ohio
Keeney, Del, from Bethany Seminary, to Mt. Vernon, Shenandoah
Life, Robert Lee, from Bethany, to Canton, First, Northern Ohio
Lovelace, Charles, from Bethany Seminary, to Whitestone, Oregon/Washington
Moyers, John R., from Maple

Grove, West Marva, to Allegheny, West Marva
Rittle, John David, from other denomination, to Hershey, Spring Creek Church, Atlantic Northeast
Shelter, David Dean, from Bridgewater College and Fairview-Endless Caverns, Shenandoah, to Windber, Western Pa.
Taylor, Charles G., from secular, to Covington, Southern Ohio
Witkowsky, Lowell, from Disaster Project, Alabama, to Good Shepherd, Silver Springs, Mid-Atlantic

Wedding Anniversaries

Boots, Mr. and Mrs. Marion, Covina, Calif., 50
Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, Roanoke, Va., 65
Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Forest, Orlando, Fla., 53
Foust, Mr. and Mrs. Orville, Dayton, Ohio, 56
Gauby, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin R., Washington, Kan., 60
Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Jack, Cloverdale, Va., 50
Havens, Mr. and Mrs. Marion, Beaverton, Mich., 52
Kelper, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Johnstown, Pa., 60

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It really is 'all in the family'

That there is a conservative trend in American life is evident. If the saber-rattling of an administration that once promised peace, the popularity of an electric church that promises an easy street disguised as the straight and narrow, and the proliferation of rallies promising to restore America to God were not sure enough signs, the Republican party convention removed all doubt.

Generally, I am on the liberal side of most issues. But in one area claimed by the conservative camp I feel quite at home. I believe in the American family and I promote its preservation—concern for singles and other parties notwithstanding. I can't be too sure how threatened that family is, but, by golly, if it needs defending, where do I sign up?

I guess part of it is a matter of roots—coming from a family that has, in most of its ancestral lines, stayed put in the same Virginia county for two centuries. (Elgin, for me, is a friendly exile. It isn't "home.")

Part of it, too, comes from growing up as a part of the traditional American rural family. There were the parents who stayed married till death did them part—over 50 happy years. There were we children, part of a unit making its living at hard farm toil. There were many aunts and uncles, and cousins by the dozen. There were Christmases at grandparents' houses—noise, happy confusion, children underfoot. There were other big family gatherings, at annual reunions in shady churchyards and at occasional weddings and funerals.

In all of it you had a sense of belonging: You were a part of something bigger than you, and you not only enjoyed the attendant benefits, but had a responsibility toward the family . . . and an accountability to it.

This summer, after I had helped throw together the Annual Conference report in the August MESSENGER, we jumped into our unair-conditioned car, braved 100-degree heat and drove home to Virginia and Pennsylvania. A vacation in some remote place where no one knew us might have been more restful, but it wouldn't have had these family-related rewards:

—At the end of a 777-mile drive (all in one day) I ate some of Mother's apple pie—baked in an old black skillet—her subtle way of saying she

had dutifully read my July editorial.

—I visited my father's grave and observed the symbolism of the green grass growing over it, after only seven months: Life must and does go on, and grief, like a grave, is gradually covered with new growth.

Life going on was more literally symbolized when I visited the newest member of the family, a grand-nephew born a few days earlier.

—I felt strong links with the past as I greeted the elderly daughter of a long-gone great-great uncle and handled reverently his father's old Bible. Feeling myself an adequately responsible member of the family, I could identify each person on its record pages. And I pondered Great-great Grandpa's apparent fascination with the ditty, "Commandments Ten, God gave men," which he penned twice on the flyleaf.

—I stumbled on a proverbial "skeleton in the family closet" as, in pursuit of my hobby of genealogy, I discovered a great-great uncle who died in a jail fire—he was an inmate.

I visited my alma mater, Bridgewater College, and found that a young cousin namesake was registered there for this fall. His United Methodist father's comment: "I didn't lose a son, I gained a religion."

—I visited elderly relatives who were "spiraling down" and others who were still soaring high. An 84-year-old uncle, far from letting life pass him by, has cajoled his retirement home into adding a vegetable salad bar to its once-bland fare.

—I ate watermelon one night with a big happy family of cousins, who seem a living tableau of Brethren farm life values.

—I pored over ancient family photos that reflect those same values and brought back some to offer the Brethren Encyclopedia.

Also tucked into corners of our VW Bug were my father's Skil-saw, an old gilt-framed "family record," a grandfather's stone whiskey jug, some of a grandmother's letters, lots of photocopied court house records, and an old leatherbound 1831 family Bible in German.

And tucked away too, are the memories of one more pilgrimage "back home." Family? It's the other half of the fun of being Brethren.—K.T.

turning points

Licensing/ Ordination

Deremer, James L., ordained June 15, 1980, Glendale Church, Middle Pennsylvania
Finney, Harriet J., ordained June 8, 1980, Northern Colorado Church, Western Plains
Hadfield, Robin Guy, licensed, June 15, 1980, Cajon Valley, Pacific Southwest
Jenkins, Fredrick March, ordained June 15, 1980, Douglas Park, Illinois/Wisconsin
Kettinger, Carol G., licensed, June 1, 1980, Richmond, South/Central Indiana
Largest, Janice Lee, ordained June 15, 1980, York Center, Illinois/Wisconsin
Marshall, Stephen Henry, licensed June 1, 1980, Muskegon, Michigan
Moore, Edwin Jr., commission lay speaker June 15, 1980, Uniontown, Western Pennsylvania
Riesman, Louise Ann Baldwin, ordained June 15, 1980, Beacon Heights, Ft. Wayne, Northern Indiana
Schlechter, Walter Edwin, ordained June 15, 1980, French Broad, Southeastern
Shumaker, Terry, licensed June 1, 1980, White Branch, South Central Indiana
Walk, William D., ordination transferred May 17, 1980, to Western Pennsylvania from Ashland Church

Pastoral/ Placements

Carroll, Donald R., from Good Shepherd, Springfield, Missouri, Southern, to Cando, Northern Plains
Detwiler, Samuel K., from Shelby County, Missouri, to Wiley, Western Plains
Eis, Dave, from Bethany Seminary, to West Manchester, South/Central Indiana
Estep, John, from secular, to Trout Run, Shenandoah
Fleishman, Dewey, from retirement, to Flat Rock, Cedar Grove, Shenandoah
Grill, Russell, from other denomination, to Reedley, Pacific Southwest
Haworth, Paul, from Nokes-

ville, Mid-Atlantic, to Freeport, Illinois/Wisconsin
Hubbell, Donald, from student, to Fairview, Endless Caverns, Shenandoah
McDonald, Thomas, from other denomination, to Ross, Northern Ohio
Naff, Arnold, from Mt. Hermon, Virginia, to Phoenix, First, Pacific Southwest
Palster, Earl Jr., from secular, to Woodstock, Columbia Furnace, Shenandoah
Rice, W. Hartman, from Blue River, Northern Indiana, to Midway, Atlantic Northeast
Rowe, Robert L., from Kingsport, Southeastern, to Staunton, Shenandoah
Shannon, Tom, from other denomination, to Canton, Maple Ave., Northern Ohio
Silbitt, Robert L., from Salem Community, Western Plains, to Fairview, Northern Plains
Stern, Roy L., from Drayton Plains, Michigan, to Stover Memorial, Des Moines, Northern Plains
Swank, Robert R., from secular, to Drayton Plains, First, Michigan
van Leeuwen, Eric, from other denomination, to Pleasant View, Shenandoah
Weaver, L. John, from Midway, Atlantic Northeast, to Mohrsville, Atlantic Northeast
Westmoreland, Donald, from Eglon and meeting points, West Marva, to Bethlehem, Virginia
Whitacre, Alan L., from Ambler, Atlantic Northeast, to Mountville, Atlantic Northeast
Whitcraft, John M., Union Grove, South/Central Indiana, to West Eel, Eel River, South/Central Indiana
Young, David S., from Everett, Middle Pennsylvania, to Goshen City, Northern Indiana

Wedding Anniversaries

Alley, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie, Willis, Va., 51
Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. George, La Verne, Calif., 50
Blickenstaff, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, La Verne, Calif., 50

Cabanias, Mr. and Mrs. Bill, New Lebanon, Ohio, 51
Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Fruitland, Id., 62
Clem, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Sebring, Fla., 50
Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton G., Queen Anne, Md., 57
Deardorff, Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Chambersburg, Pa., 50
Elrod, Mr. and Mrs. Lem, Garden City, Kan., 55
Ganger, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, Englewood, Ohio, 50
Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, La Place, Ill., 55
Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, Goshen, Ind., 60
Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D., Broadway, Va., 50
Maples, Mr. and Mrs. Omer, Sebring, Fla., 62
McKimmy, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ray, Beaverton, Mich., 60
McKimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Beaverton, Mich., 50
Metzger, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph, Cerro Gordo, Ill., 59
Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Eyra, Floyd, Va., 67
Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Sebring, Fla., 50
Post, Mr. and Mrs. John, Johnstown, Pa., 50
Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J., Riner, Va., 50
Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Everett, Floyd, Va., 51
Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Jobie, Springfield, Ohio, 58
Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce, New Paris, Ind., 65
Rohrer, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, N. Manchester, Ind., 64
Rotz, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine, Chambersburg, Pa., 60
Steale, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Sidney, Ohio, 50
Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert, South Bend, Ind., 60
Whitmer, Mr. and Mrs. John, Beaverton, Mich., 54
Wingert, Mr. and Mrs. John, Dallas Center, Iowa, 51
Wilbourne, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Largo, Fla., 68
Witkovsky, Mr. and Mrs. Elden, Beaverton, Mich., 53
Wolford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Emmons, Pa., 56
Worley, Mr. and Mrs. John, Hanover, Pa., 51
Yeager, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Chambersburg, Pa., 50

Yoha, Mr. and Mrs. Fred, New Windsor, Md., 50

Deaths

Akers, Clinton, 76, Alum Ridge, Va., Jan. 1980
Barnhart, Mary Fisher, 100, Roanoke, Va., June 3, 1980
Bittner, Raymond, 72, Miami, Fla., April 10, 1980
Blizzard, Kermit D., 70, Harmon, W. Va., April 11, 1980
Blosser, Edna, 82, Wakarusa, Ind., April 17, 1980
Bowman, Lucille, 72, McPherson, Kan., May 10, 1980
Brierty, Thomas, 62, Beaverton, Mich., May 29, 1980
Brim, Mildred N., 78, Flora, Ind., June 21, 1980
Buckwalter, Evelyn, 68, Palmyra, Pa., June 24, 1980
Cameron, Laverne, 74, Springfield, Ohio, May 6, 1980
Clopper, Anna M., 73, Carlisle, Pa., May 30, 1980
Cook, J. Albert, 81, Dillsburg, Pa., April 15, 1980
Cripe, Devon, 30, New Paris, Ind., June 8, 1980
Dentler, Susan S., 95, St. Thomas, Pa., May 6, 1980
Dias, Milward, 85, New Florence, Pa., May 9, 1980
Dulaney, Cora, 79, Alum Ridge, Va., Dec. 27, 1979
Flora, John H., 99, Flora, Ind., July 7, 1980
Fogelhammer, Fred, 80, Chambersburg, Pa., June 20, 1980
Gamm, Amilda, 94, Campbelltown, Pa., June 22, 1980
Gibbie, Mary, 78, Myerstown, Pa., May 17, 1980
Glagric, Elsie M., 81, Mount Joy, Pa., June 1, 1980
Harmon, Elsworth, 79, Harmon, W. Va., May 18, 1980
Harmon, Iva A., 89, Thornville, Ohio, May 15, 1980
Hege, Fannie Good, 79, Chambersburg, Pa., April 18, 1980
Henderson, Florence, 74, Seattle, Wash., May 18, 1980
Herring, Ola E., 92, Nokesville, Va., May 18, 1980
Hinkle, Mary Jo, 62, Springfield, Ohio, May 8, 1980
Hodgeson, Hattie Cool, 74, Dover, Del., May 13, 1980
Hopkins, Helen M., 80, Norristown, Pa., June 18, 1980
Kimmel, Bertha Franz, 88, LaVerne, Calif., Oct. 13, 1979

Klein, Mary, 85, Myerstown, Pa., March 1, 1980
Larson, Carl, 81, Cathool, Mo., May 21, 1980
Lehman, Galet T., 82, North Manchester, Ind., May 12, 1980
Lenore, Berry, 71, Fostoria, Ohio, June 20, 1980
Lester, Roy A., 76, Riner, Va., Oct. 1979
Lohr, Ruth, 84, Maytown, Pa., May 13, 1980
Long, Elizabeth B., 71, Harrisonburg, Va., May 3, 1980
Longwell, Henry Franklin, 60, Plumcreek, Ind., July 1, 1980
Madlem, Ethel Martin, 81, Nappanee, Ind., May 25, 1980
McDaniel, Grace Beam, 90, Kingsburg, Calif., Dec. 23, 1979
McKimmy, Iva Mishler, 84, Beaverton, Mich., Nov. 20, 1979
Mellott, Flora, 91, Needmore, Pa., Mar. 30, 1980
Miller, Hazel, 75, Ashland, Ohio, April 18, 1980
Mumper, Odessa S., 89, Waterloo, Iowa, April 18, 1980
Musselman, I. J., 57, Clayton, Ohio, March 1, 1980
Perkins, Wava, 71, Hudson, Ind., April 30, 1980
Reed, E. Bentley, 70, Roanoke, Va., Sept. 12, 1978
Reed, Harold J., 73, Boone, Iowa, Aug. 5, 1976
Rensberger, Harold, 75, North Liberty, Ind., June 1, 1980
Smith, John G., 92, Hagerstown, Md., June 3, 1980
Strouphauer, Sterling M., 63, Pine Grove, Pa., June 17, 1980
Tandy, Elbert M., 91, Kinross, Iowa, May 11, 1980
Wagner, Mary, 67, Myerstown, Pa., Oct. 1, 1980
Wagoner, Helen E., 79, Flora, Ind., June 23, 1980
Weigle, John R., 72, Waterloo, Iowa, May 16, 1980
Wetzel, Edna Thomas, Harrisonburg, Va., May 14, 1980
Willard, Dewey A., 80, Winston-Salem, N.C., April 15, 1980
Yoder, Paul R., 81, Huntingdon, Pa., May 11, 1980
Zook, Kathryn, 82, Neffsville, Pa., Mar. 25, 1980
Zug, Henry, 71, Lebanon, Pa., May 11, 1980

On faith, worship, evangelism, AC

Ralph Burner

Paper ignores faith in God

I could not vote for the paper, "The Time So Urgent," adopted at Annual Conference. The paper is written from the secular-humanist viewpoint and simple faith in God is completely missing. Only what people can and want to do is included.

First, I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for our country. I am glad to be an American. I sat through all the business sessions of Annual Conference and heard time and again statements that put our country down. I did not hear one good word about the American government. I am not in agreement with all our country is doing, but I have no desire to leave it.

I hope we will never have to live in a country where there is no police force. If there were no police force we would never have walked back and forth to our places of lodging in Pittsburgh as safely and freely as we did. I know what it is like to be called a "yellow belly," a "draft dodger," and a "sissy." I was a CO in World War II and have not regretted it then or now. I would do it again if it became necessary. If we as delegates would have put down Elgin, Standing Committee and General Board—the way we put down our country at Annual Conference—those institutions would not survive. Neither will our country.

The paper "The Time So Urgent" says, "In turn, we appeal to the Soviet Union." I question if it is the Soviet Union to whom we should appeal. In 2 Chronicles 7:14-15 it says we should appeal to the Lord. It is still true that "If my people

which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face" Our wicked ways are embarrassing. I feel we as the Church of the Brethren owe our Nigerian brothers and sisters an apology for the way many of our members were dressed at Conference with pantsuits and bare bodies. The Bible surely requires modesty and distinction between the sexes in dress. I believe God is waiting to see repentance in our lives and to hear our praises for blessings to us.

Farther along in the report we read, "What is the most serious threat to United States security?" The answer, as I view it, is Christians not praying. If America goes down, it will not be from the gays, the lesbians, the abortionists, and others that are coming on strong. We Christians will have to take part of the blame. We are instructed in 1 Timothy 2:1-4 to pray for our leaders, and in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 to pray without ceasing. We need to become serious in our prayers to God.

The report continues by saying, "We find our security in God, not in weapons." This seems to be saying that as long as we don't see or have weapons, we can have this security in God. But the Bible does not teach this kind of security. Instead, we find security in God when the weapons are all around us.

In 2 Kings 6:8-17 we learn that every time the king of Syria made a move, the king of Israel was there and defeated him. Finally the Syrian officer learned that over in Israel, Elisha was telling what the Syrian king planned even in secret. The Syrian king ordered his army to find Elisha, get him, and bring him back to the Syrian camp. When Elisha's servant took a walk the following morning he was frightened by what he saw. Horses and chariots (the whole Syrian army with its weapons) surrounded the city. The servant ran back to Elisha and cried out, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" The prophet said to the servant, "Fear not, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And then Elisha prayed that the Lord would open the ser-

vant's eyes to see. And the Lord opened the servant's eyes of faith, and he saw horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. Our security is in God even when surrounded by weapons.

Near the end of the paper, there is one word that is troubling—the word "justice." How I thank my God that I didn't receive justice. If God had given me justice, I would be in hell. But praise God; God gave us Jesus.

For the above reasons I had to vote "no" to the request that we adopt the resolution "The Time So Urgent." □

Ralph Burner is part-time pastor of the Meadow Mills congregation, Middletown, Va.

Ken Smith-Shuman

Worship showed our aimlessness

The Pietist and Anabaptist movements from which Brethren are descended grew out of differences in belief they held with the institutional Christianity of their day, both Roman Catholic and Protestant.

However, these differences did not stem from their believing less than the establishment churches but rather from their believing more fully. For example, the Anabaptists did not replace salvation by grace through faith with salvation by human works, although they were accused of this, among other things, by their enemies. Instead, they emphasized discipleship, or following Christ. For them faith required faithfulness in order to be complete.

The theme of faithfulness was supposed to have been the center of this year's Annual Conference. The importance of this theme can be detected in the statement of early Anabaptist Hans Denck, "No one can truly know Christ, except he follow him in life." John Perkins, president of Voice of Calvary Ministries in Jackson, Miss., has restated this theme by terming the church, "People shaped by His lordship and not just saved by His grace."

Annual Conference 1980 seemed com-

To hold in respect and fellowship those in the church with whom we agree or disagree is a characteristic of the Church of the Brethren. It is to the continuation of this value, and to an open and probing forum, that "Opinions" are invited from readers.

Grant" show on TV. An especially meaningful time for me was giving the invocation for the luncheon at which Alex Haley spoke. I prepared carefully, trying to catch the feelings of the diversity in the conference. Imagine my surprise when my invocation ended with applause from the delegates.

But more entrenched on my memory are the pages and pages of notes I have from persons who testified at our hearings around the country. My understandings of families in this country has greatly broadened and deepened, and I am grateful.

You speak often and highly of the National Advisory Committee. Who is this?

NAC is a diverse group of 40 people—20 women and 20 men—who have advised the staff and planned and carried out the WHCF. Because of our diversity, the fact that we agree on anything is miraculous! And the fact that there has been compromise and excitement throughout this process speaks to our singular commitment to

families and strengthening family life in our country. The committee is made up of blacks, Native Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Caucasians. Diverse also in age, occupation, education and background, this group has held 14 hearings in seven states, worked with 48 state conferences and/or hearings, held a National Research Forum with 400 scholars presenting materials, and held three national conferences and a task force meeting all within the space of one year.

How much has President Carter been involved?

I stated earlier that this was President Carter's idea and he set the framework for this type of a conference. In July 1979, President and Mrs. Carter invited the NAC and our families to a reception at the White House following our swearing-in ceremony and a speech to the press. President Carter has instructed all government agencies to cooperate with the WHCF and they have done so in a number of con-

crete ways. He has begun the office for families within Health and Human Services to help to carry out WHCF recommendations. The President also gave the keynote address at our Baltimore conference and in October received our final recommendations to present appropriate ones to Congress for implementation.

It is to President Carter's credit that he wanted the main conferences completed before either of the 1980 political conventions and the whole process completed by election time so it would not become a political issue. He is responsible for the conference's style and wide governmental participation. The President told us last May, "Working together, I am confident we can build upon the strengths of our families, recognize their diverse needs and take real action to develop more responsive and sensitive policies toward them. I look forward with great anticipation to the results of this conference." □

Mary Cline Detrick is Parish Ministries Commission staff for life cycle ministries/person awareness, and serves on the 40-member National Advisory Committee for the White House Conference on Families.

turning points

Licensing/Ordination

Bechofer, Thomas A., licensed July 20, 1980, Navarre, Western Plains
Breiser, Susan Ruth, licensed July 13, 1980, Goshen City, Northern Indiana
Celewite, Kenneth Ernest, licensed Mar. 23, 1980, Sugar Valley, Southern Pennsylvania
Freese, Dawn L., licensed July 6, 1980, Pottstown, Atlantic Northeast
Wilson, Frederick D., licensed July 13, 1980, Brake and Kelly Chapel/White Pine, West Marva

Pastoral Placements

Abe, Jim, from Rock Run, Northern Indiana, to Akron, Eastwood, Northern Ohio
Abe, Maria, from Rock Run, Northern Indiana, to Akron, Eastwood, Northern Ohio
Crumble, Mark, from other denomination, to Silver Creek, Northern Ohio
Eastis, Davis, to Fresno, assistant to pastor, Pacific Southwest
Ebersole, George D., from other denomination, to Albright, Middle Pennsylvania
Flanery, Harriet Wenger, from

Northern Colorado, Western Plains, to Plymouth (Assoc.), Northern Indiana
Flucher, Wilbur L., from Sandy Creek, West Marva, to Crab Orchard, Virginia
Gerster, Daniel, from secular, to Pleasant Plains, Southern Plains
Gingrich, Kathy, from Bethany Seminary, to Manchester, second staff, South/Central Indiana
James, Thomas, from other denomination, to Wenatchee Brethren/Baptist United (second staff), Oregon/Washington
Kiesel, Glenn, from Antioch (interim) to Antioch (full-time), Virginia
Klatner, Alvin, from Bristolville, Northern Ohio, to Olivet, Southern Ohio
Landrum, Richard L., from Huntingdon, Stone, Middle Pennsylvania, to Pomona, Pacific Southwest
Madeira, Ronald F., from Martinsburg, Middle Pennsylvania, to assistant administrator, Peter Becker Memorial Home, Atlantic Northeast
Nememaker, Beth, from Bethany Seminary, to Action Research Development at Castañer, Rio Prieto, Florida/Puerto Rico
Nememaker, Keith, from Bethany to Action Research De-

velopment at Castañer, Rio Prieto, Florida/Puerto Rico
Robinson, Delmer T., from Reedley, Pacific Southwest, to Seattle, Lakewood, Oregon/Washington
Tall, Marvin, from Panther Creek, Northern Plains, Sunnyslope, Oregon/Washington
Walk, William D., from other denomination, to Blue Ridge, Virginia

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Burket, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson E., Martinsburg, Pa., 54
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Dilling, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer, Martinsburg, Pa., 50
Flitz, Mr. and Mrs. Henry, Morgantown, W. Va., 66
Flitz, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Waynesboro, Pa., 60
Ford, Mr. and Mrs. George L., Glendora, Calif., 50
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Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. G. Albert, Martinsburg, Pa., 52
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Kagurise, Mr. and Mrs. I. Harvey, Martinsburg, Pa., 53
Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Emore, Loganville, Pa., 50
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Avey, Mary, 77, Polo, Ill., July 19, 1980
Blough, Paul E., 60, Windber, Pa., July 27, 1980
Calvert, Eva, 91, Fresno, Calif., Dec. 1979
Daubert, John S., 56, Pine Grove, Pa., July 17, 1980
Deardorff, Elva Bradshaw, 91, Portis, Kan., July 21, 1980

Edgecomb, Daniel, 86, Fresno, Calif., Mar. 28, 1980
Edgecomb, Sarah, 83, Fresno, Calif., Apr. 13, 1979
Fuhrman, John, 66, Spring Grove, Pa., July 13, 1980
Gayman, Elizabeth, 92, Polo, Ill., June 30, 1980
Grogg, Margaret, 57, Bendersville, Pa., Feb. 29, 1980
Jackson, Alice, 88, San Diego, Calif., July 19, 1980
Johnson, Carl, 97, Fresno, Calif., June 13, 1980
Kauffman, Herbert W., 82, Waynesboro, Pa., July 19, 1980
Lyons, Sara Rittenhouse, 79, Easton, Md., Mar. 10, 1980
Messink, Clara, 82, Preston, Minn., Feb. 19, 1980
Meyers, Johanna H., 89, Fresno, Calif., Aug. 23, 1980
Meyers, William H., 93, Fresno, Calif., Jan. 3, 1980
Miller, Nora, 79, Lebanon, Pa., Aug. 11, 1980
Moneybaffer, Anna Alice, 88, New Paris, Ind., July 29, 1980
Owen, Amy, 93, Harmony, Minn., June 29, 1980
Patchett, Walton Leroy, 76, Easton, Md., Dec. 11, 1979
Royer, Elmer J., 88, Lebanon, Pa., Aug. 15, 1980
Shatto, Ralph, 87, Sidney, Ohio, June 27, 1980
Walker, Harold, 72, Lineboro, Md., Apr. 6, 1980



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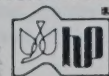
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Bean, Sandra, of Somerset, Pa., to Big Horn Center, Hardin, Mont.

Becker, Sandra, of Lititz, Pa., to Gould Farm, Monterey, Mass.

Beeghly, Randall, of Oakland, Calif., to Friendship Day Care Center, Hutchinson, Kan.

Bitz, Mark, of Plainville, N.Y., to Poland

Estep, Sheila, of Edinburg, Va., to Bethel Homes, Inc., Westminster, Md.

Gerhard, Peter, from West Germany, to Solid Rock, Brigham City, Utah

Gilmore, Douglas, of Ashland, Ohio, to The Palms, Sebring, Fla.

Kintner, Nancy, of Wenatchee, Wash., to Belfast, Ireland

Lahman, Barbara, of Franklin Grove, Ill., to Gould Farm, Monterey, Mass.

Landis, Philip, of Lititz, Pa., to Poland

Lelter, David, of Waynesboro, Pa., to Near East Side Multi-Service Center, Indianapolis, Ind.

Lichty, Lyle, of McPherson, Kan., to Poland

Miller, Stanley, of Green-

ville, Ohio, to Lebanon Valley Home, Palmyra, Pa.

Nussbaumer, Jean-Pierre, of Geneva, Switzerland, to National Moratorium on Prison Construction, Washington, D.C.

Rohrer, Edith, from North Lima, Ohio, to Alderson Hospitality House, Alderway, W.Va.

Tronvold, Lers 'Kris', of Huntington Beach, Calif., to Betterway, Inc., Elyria, Ohio

Whitten, Wendy, of Elgin, Ill., to Friendship Day Care Center, Hutchinson, Kan.

Licensing/ Ordination

Barber, Douglas H., ordained August 10, 1980, South Bend Prince of Peace, Northern Indiana

Bowman, Clay A., licensed August 24, 1980, Syracuse, Northern Indiana

Eastis, David A., licensed August 3, 1980, Whittier, Pacific Southwest

Emign, C. David, ordained July 1, 1980, Empire, Pacific Southwest

Grill, Franklin Russell, licensed August 10, 1980, Reedley, Pacific Southwest

Kesney, Delmas L., ordained August 10, 1980, Little Swa-

tara, Atlantic Northeast
Lahman, John R., licensed July 20, 1980, Huntington, South-Central Indiana

Leininger, Mark, ordained August 31, 1980, Middle Creek, Atlantic Northeast

Life, Robert L., ordained August 31, 1980, Mill Creek, Shenandoah

Venkatsammy, Parsram, ordained August 31, 1980, Eden Valley, Western Plains

Pastoral Placements

Bachofer, Thomas, to Navarre, Western Plains

Barkey, Ray, to assistant pastor, New Paris, Northern Indiana

Baum, William, from Panther Creek, Illinois/Wisconsin, to Fostoria, Northern Ohio

Bolz, Ernest J., from Live Oak, Pacific Southwest, to Ellsford, Oregon/Washington

Fourman, Arthur, from Camp Woodbrook, Mid-Atlantic, to 1/4 district/CRE director, and 1/4 resident director, Camp Inspiration Hills, Northern Ohio

Hackman, Galen R., from secular, to Mohler, Atlantic Northeast

Henry, Barry, from Bethany,

to Cedar Grove, Southern Ohio

Huston, Ervin, to Twin Falls, Idaho

Iseberg, Frank W., from retirement, to Pleasant Hill, Tenn., Southeastern

Keiper, John David, from Bedford, Middle Pennsylvania, to Piney Creek, Mid-Atlantic

Kessler, Phillip G., from Salamonie, South-Central Indiana, to Akron, First Northern Ohio

Langdon, Kenneth J., from student, to youth minister, Buena Vista Stone, Shenandoah

Longenecker, Arlen, from Astoria, Illinois/Wisconsin, to Bristolville, Northern Ohio

Marsh, Garry, from other denomination, to Frostburg, West Marva

May, Joseph R., from Ankeny, Northern Plains, to Johnson City, Southeastern

Renn, Henry L., to Mingo, Atlantic Northeast

Richer, Roger, from Menonite, secular, to Santa Ana, Pacific Southwest

Rinehart, Charles F., continues at Bristol, Southeastern and yoked parish with Knob Creek, Southeastern

Sonafrank, Harold E., from Fresno, Pacific Southwest, to Fraternity, Virgina

Stovall, William C., from

Hopewell, Virgina, to Hollins Road, Roanoke, Virgina

Webster, Dave, from Rockhill, Middle Pennsylvania, to Nokesville, Mid-Atlantic

Wright, Andrew, from overseas secular, other denomination, to youth worker, Mt. Morris, Illinois/Wisconsin

Wedding Anniversaries

Blaxten, Mr. and Mrs. William R., Elkton, Md., 55

Clingenpeel, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, Boones Mill, Va., 50

Freed, Mr. and Mrs. Liegh, North Manchester, Ind., 55

Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde, Denver, Co., 50

Hay, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd M., Bear Run, Pa., 65

Hoy, Mr. and Mrs. I. D., Boones Mill, Va., 65

Kilmer, Mr. and Mrs. Carl, Elkhart City, Ind., 50

Leaman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Creston, Ohio, 60

Root, Mr. and Mrs. Walter, McFarland, Calif., 50

Sooby, Mr. and Mrs. George, Garden City, Kan., 51

Steale, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Sidney, Ohio, 50

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prayer calendar

December Prayer Calendar

December 7-13: Uphold in prayer Raymond Peters in his work as coordinator of the 1981 Biblical/Theological Quest, a Brethren response to a new call to global mission. Also pray for the members of the Quest planning committee: Merle Crouse, Stanley Earhart, Shirley Heckman, Lauree Hersch Meyer, Jimmy Ross, Duane Ramsey.

Give prayer support to Brethren staff members Stewart Kauffman, Don Stern, and Fred Swartz as they attend the annual meeting of the National Council of Churches' Commission on Stewardship in San Antonio, Tex., December 8-12.

December 14-20: Ask for God's blessing upon the Church in India and in particular that reconciliation and healing may come in those areas where Brethren have worked, Bulsar, Anklesvar, and others.

Pray for BVSers Emmanuel Amadife and Loretta Ewart on assignment at the Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md., Remember in prayer BVSer Diane Bellomo on assignment at Camp Woodland Altars, Peebles, Ohio.

December 21-27: Join in prayer with Christians in China where the church is experiencing awakening after years of dormancy and persecution.

Give prayer support to BVSer Carol Gieg at United Faith Ministries, Denver, Col., and Odile Krieger serving with Therapeutic Homes, Inc., Modesto, Calif.

Pray for all refugees and deprived persons of the world at this time of remembrance of God's gift of a Savior to all the people of the world.

December 28—January 3: Remember in prayer our brothers and sisters in the church in Nigeria, and especially the work of the Lafiya program there.

Give prayer support to BVSers Nanette Gable at First Church of the Brethren, Harrisburg, Pa., and Carrie Snelling serving at The Palms, Sebring, Fla.

Pray for the Brethren Staff/District Executives' Retreat, Elgin, Ill., January 7-8.

black shadows behind them. My memory would forever preserve that scene as a Rembrandt study in light and darkness.

"How sad that your daddy died at Christmastime," friends told me with real sincerity. But I could not agree. Christmas would go on as a continuation of our celebration of Daddy's life. He always wanted us to be together and to have as great a celebration as we could. Particularly as he grew older and it became more central for him.

With family consensus we moved ahead. On Christmas Eve, the day after Sunday's funeral, we whirled in and completed preparations. My son, Galen, cut the tree for the living room and we decorated it as a family. Last minute gifts were bought and wrapped. A boiled ham, always at the top of the Christmas menu, was put on the stove early on Christmas Eve, to cook all day and then chill overnight for slicing next

Below: *Hunting a Christmas tree with a grandson was as much fun in later years as earlier activities with his children.*



morning. Augmenting the ham were other regulars, Mother's old-timey fried apple pies and the fruit cake, made from an old family recipe. Making the traditional fruit salad brought tears this Christmas . . . Daddy always playfully grumbled as he helped chop the ingredients, pretending it was a most onerous task.

By nighttime on Christmas Eve, everything seemed cared for. As Galen hung his stocking he shared a memory of Grandpa. For a joke one Christmas, Daddy had secretly hung one of his old socks by Galen's stocking and Santa had left fruit and candy in it.

Galen also remembered and asked me about Daddy's most long-standing tradition: "Dad, who will shoot Grandpa's gun tomorrow morning?" Ever since my sisters

and I were little children, it was customary that we could not come downstairs on Christmas morning and open our stockings until we heard Daddy go out in the yard and shoot his double-barrel shotgun. He had never missed a Christmas all these years, even after we were grown.

Guns have never appealed to me, and I had never fired a shotgun in my life. But I knew I must carry out this tradition for Daddy. Christmas morning I got up ahead of everyone else, crept to the closet, got out Daddy's old 16-gauge, double-barrel shotgun, loaded it with trembling hands and slipped outside. The air was cold and crisp. The family compound—Daddy's domain—was silent and still, covered in sparkling frost. The burden of my loss and my new responsibility as a keeper of the legacy of Daddy's life was suddenly heavy. Tears came hot and fast. But I lifted the

Below: *Ronnie unknowingly brought us the best gift, his baby, Pooh. In her innocence she portrayed the promise of Christmas.*



gun, aimed it at the reddening eastern sky, shouted, "Daddy, this is for you!" and fired away. Relief came at once. I felt light-hearted as I ran back inside.

Everyone was tumbling into the living-room. Mother was laughing. "I was sure you'd kill yourself with that old gun," she said. The Christmas tree was shining, the gifts were waiting under it. Poinsettias and azaleas from the funeral were banked in corners, on tables and mantle, even in the fireplace. They made a happy blending of two quite different events.

All the children, the grandchildren, and great-grandchild were on hand by mid-morning. Tears and laughter were mingled without accounting or apology as the smaller children handed out gifts and excitement mounted. A delightful interlude

occurred when Ronnie and his wife popped in with a gift of red roses for Mother. Unwittingly, they provided another gift by bringing along their little daughter, Pooh. Her antics further frightened our spirits as she admired the tree and skylarked about the house. The Christmas promise of new life seemed suddenly manifested in the joyful, innocent baby in our midst.

Tears and laughter, love and loss, joy and pain, an old man dead and a babe alive. No, it was not sad that Daddy died at Christmas. Traditions had been observed and family unity and spirit affirmed and preserved. If it was time for Daddy's life on earth to end, how appropriate to go during the season that most readily demonstrated what he held most dear in life. How easy it was for sadness to become part of celebration.

Of course, when Christmas was over, that sadness would linger, for grief is a long-term process that outlasts the props that sustain us in its first impact. I would hurt to think of all the good times together I had so easily assumed Daddy and I would still have.

But I could rejoice that Daddy died a happy person, free from cares and worry, surrounded by loving family, neighbors, and friends, comfortable and in good health before the heart attack. I could rejoice that I had had the traditional "good father" whom I could look up to and try to emulate. He had always been supportive. Even though my career took me far outside his world, that work grew out of a commitment to Christ Daddy had made as a young man and a faithfulness to the congregation he helped to found and to sustain.

Daddy fit well Harry Emerson Fosdick's definition of success: "To laugh often and much; to win respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you lived. This is to have succeeded."

So Daddy succeeded. And the lives he touched attest to that success. Like the grass of the field, the leaves of the forest, and the seeds of the harvest, his life was laid down as beautifully as it was taken up. Christmas now has new meaning. Even before his death I could not have told about Christmas celebration in my family without centering it on Daddy. Now, even more, he will be a part of that time of year. □

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Anglemyer, Jewelene, of Sebring, Fla., to Friendship Day Care Center, Hutchinson, Kan.

Ashenfelter, Rhonda, of Cerro Gordo, Ill., to Open Sesame Child Care Center, Dixon, Ill.

Bussiere, Jill and Merritt, of Shanhopple, N.Y., to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.

Carter, Mary, of Wenatchee, Wash., to World Neighbors, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Click, Emily and Rodney, of Santa Monica, Calif., to Plowshare Peace Center, Roanoke, Va.

Comanelli, Umberto, of Trento, Italy, to Monroe County United Ministries, Bloomington, Ind.

Cox, Keith, of Garden City, Mich., to Gould Farm, Monterey, Mass.

Cronmore, Brad and Carol Wise, of Downingtown, Pa., to the United Faith Ministries, Denver, Colo.

Cummings, Sandra, of Warren, Va., to Kokokahi Hunger Model, Oahu, Hawaii

Dick, Mary, of Pittsburgh, Pa., to Camp Inspiration Hills, Burbank, Ohio

Eller, Jerel, of Oakton, Va., to Camp Woodland Altars, Peebles, Ohio

Engel, Joachim, of Bonn, West Germany, to Pathway House, Canton, Ohio

Fassnacht, Donna, of Reinholds, Pa., to Church of the Brethren General Offices, Elgin, Ill.

Gertsch, Carol, of Lexington, Ky., to Council of Southern Mountains, Clintwood, Va.

Hollen, James, of Bridgewater, Va., to Gould Farm, Monterey, Mass.

Kescheing, Dawn, of Sebring, Fla., to Camp Inspiration Hills, Burbank, Ohio

Mason, Judy, of Palmyra, Pa., to Community for Creative Non-Violence, Washington, D.C.

Mellinger, Ellen, of Carlisle, Pa., to Dundalk Church of the Brethren, Baltimore, Md.

Motley, Sheldon, of Broken Arrow, Okla., to Gould Farm, Monterey, Mass.

Pattison, Emily and Mark, of Hamden, Conn., to Brothers Redevelopment, Denver, Colo.

Rotzell, Itis, of Limburgerhof, West Germany, to Commu-

ity for Creative Non-Violence, Washington, D.C.

Siverts, Jon, of Nestun, Norway, to Community for Creative Non-Violence, Washington, D.C.

Six, Sue, of Eatontown, N.J., to Dundalk Church of the Brethren, Baltimore, Md.

Vanishingham, Amy, of Milford, Ind., to Brothers Redevelopment, Denver, Colo.

Wolf, Amos, of Daleville, Va., to Gould Farm, Monterey, Mass.

Licensing/ Ordination

Curry, Mitchell Lee, American Baptist ordination accepted at Imperial Heights, Pacific Southwest

Shaw, Teresa Marie, licensed Sept. 24, 1980, San Diego, Pacific Southwest

Sheltzer, David D., ordained Sept. 14, 1980, Walnut Grove, Western Pennsylvania

Stern, Susan Irene, licensed San Diego, Pacific Southwest

Pastoral Placements

Eash, Ted, from other denomination, to Pleasant Valley, Northern Indiana

Hall, Mary Lou, from Dunning Creek, Middle Pennsylvania, to Everett, Middle Pennsylvania

Hoover, William, from Natrona Heights, Western Pennsylvania, to Fairchance, Western Pennsylvania

Houts, Robert B., from other denomination, to Walkers Chapel, Shenandoah

Kerschensteiner, Edward L., from West Eel River, South/Central Indiana, to Rocky Ford, Western Plains

Thomas, Herbert, from Spring Branch, Missouri, to Panther Creek, Northern Plains

Tuomala, Jeff, from other denomination, to Danville, North Bend, Northern Ohio

Wedding Anniversaries

Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Hagerstown, Pa., 63

Bookwalter, Mr. and Mrs. Don, Dayton, Ohio, 50

Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent, Lacey, Wash., 62

Brumbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred, Curryville, Pa., 50

Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Hartman, Ohio, 50

Burket, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin R., Martinsburg, Pa., 54

Circle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles,

Fl. Wayne, Ind., 67

Craver, Mr. and Mrs. Roy, York, Pa., 50

Fitz, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Waynesboro, Pa., 60

Flora, Mr. and Mrs. Price, Roanoke, Va., 50

Guerin, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent, Kokomo, Ind., 50

Henry, Dr. and Mrs. Tobias, Martinsburg, Pa., 57

Kreider, Mr. and Mrs. Bard E., Litzitz, Pa., 57

Lam, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland, Astoria, Ill., 69

Lehigh, Mr. and Mrs. Earl, York, Pa., 60

Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Lacey, Wash., 70

Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Carl, Adel, Iowa, 60

Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Seattle, Wash., 55

Norford, Mr. and Mrs. Earl, Verona, Va., 60

Semprimoznik, Mr. and Mrs. Albert, Tonasket, Wash., 55

Shelly, Mr. and Mrs. Millard, Sacramento, Calif., 50

Saider, Mr. and Mrs. Frank, New Paris, Ind., 50

Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel, Harrisonburg, Va., 50

Trout, Mr. and Mrs. W. D., Roanoke, Va., 60

Wareham, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin, Martinsburg, Pa., 57

Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Walter, Dallas Center, Iowa, 60

Young, Mr. and Mrs. Walter, Wabash, Ind., 65

Deaths

Bachman, Sylvia, 82, Roanoke, Ill., May 30, 1980

Barnhart, Carrie, 87, La Verne, Calif., April 11, 1980

Berry, Agnes, 75, Lima, Ohio, July 5, 1980

Bigaman, Eldridge, 72, Fruitland, Idaho, Aug. 1, 1980

Blaichard, Fred, 64, Seattle, Wash., July 2, 1980

Blickenstaff, Clarence, 80, Norton, Kan., May 20, 1980

Bollinger, Phyllis, 48, Spring Grove, Pa., Sept. 2, 1980

Brand, John, 79, Ashley, Ohio, Aug. 25, 1980

Broadwater, Porter, 57, Preston, Minn., July 20, 1980

Brubaker, Bessie B., 80, Fostoria, Ohio, Sept. 16, 1980

Brumbaugh, Pearl S., 81, Martinsburg, Pa., Aug. 16, 1980

Bullard, Carrie, 84, Panora, Iowa, July 23, 1980

Carter, Richard, 65, Knoxville, Md., Aug. 9, 1980

Chapham, Robert Sr., 74, Hartland, Mich., Sept. 20, 1980

Cline, Mary Borden, 87, Waynesboro, Va., Aug. 15, 1980

Craun, Laura Evers, 87, Bridgewater, Va., July 25, 1980

Crook, Nora E., 87, Modesto, Calif., July 30, 1980

Dell, Evelyn, 36, Springfield, Ohio, Sept. 22, 1980

Detweiler, Annie, 91, Hatfield, Pa., Aug. 16, 1980

Detweiler, Pearl Bare, 82, Oaks, Pa., Sept. 10, 1980

Dickey, Rose, 75, La Verne, Calif., Jan. 25, 1980

Dilling, Ivan, 92, Hagerstown, Ind., July 29, 1980

Domer, LeRoy, 82, Louisville, Ohio, July 17, 1980

Fisher, Mattie, 90, Quincy, Pa., Oct. 9, 1980

Gibson, Emma, 79, La Verne, Calif., April 11, 1980

Gift, Nelson R., 64, Chambersburg, Pa., Aug. 9, 1980

Glissman, George, 79, South Bend, Ind., Dec. 29, 1979

Glissman, Nina, 77, South Bend, Ind., Jan. 28, 1980

Green, Robert, 45, Windber, Pa., June 18, 1980

Grove, Dorothy N., 77, South English, Iowa, Sept. 20, 1980

Haldeman, Max, 53, Mannheim, Pa., Aug. 1, 1980

Hall, Annie, 73, Cumberland, Md., July 28, 1980

Hariacher, Martha L., 96, South English, Iowa, July 29, 1980

Harrison, John H., 76, Brownsville, Md., July 31, 1980

Heiser, Thelma Morrow, 56, Waynesboro, Pa., Sept. 13, 1980

Hipsley, Charles, 75, Cumberland, Md., Aug. 8, 1980

Hirsch, Otto I., 86, La Place, Ill., June 11, 1980

Hoagland, Richard C., 65, East Canton, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1980

Hoover, Bertha, 75, Martinsburg, Pa., Aug. 21, 1980

Hylton, Zena H., 86, Manassas, Va., Aug. 30, 1980

Jackson, Opal, 70, Ashland, Ohio, Sept. 12, 1980

Kaetzel, Franklin C., 98, Gapland, Md., Aug. 9, 1980

Kappen, Marie, 89, La Verne, Calif., March 25, 1980

Kesser, Mary, 74, Bellwood, Pa., Aug. 12, 1980

Koontz, Aubrey, 61, Mt. Morris, Ill., Sept. 28, 1980

Kulp, Charles, 81, Ephrata, Pa., Aug. 4, 1980

Lauffer, Inez, 80, Bluffton, Ohio, April 28, 1980

Lefever, Edith, 59, Manheim, Pa., Aug. 12, 1980

Lewis, Roy, 57, Cumberland, Md., July 20, 1980

Lootens, Benard, 78, South Bend, Ind., April 11, 1980

McNitt, Frances M., 83, Dayton, Va., March 30, 1980

Metzger, Sarah E., 80, Cerro Gordo, Ill., May 22, 1980

Meyer, August, 68, Granger, Ind., July 29, 1980

Miller, Carol, 28, Downers Grove, Ill., July 26, 1980

Nofsinger, Esther, 73, Roanoke, Ill., Dec. 26, 1979

Over, Eliza, 94, Martinsburg, Pa., Aug. 7, 1980

Overholser, Elizabeth, 82, Springfield, Ohio, July 19, 1980

Paul, Emmett, 89, Windber, Pa., May 19, 1980

Plank, Aunilee, 68, Ashland, Ohio, Sept. 7, 1980

Poff, Nettie, 97, Leola, Pa., May 3, 1980

Renner, Mary, 62, Chambersburg, Pa., Aug. 18, 1980

Rhodes, Ralph R., 57, Bridgewater, Va., July 25, 1980

Roetman, Albert, 70, Reading, Minn., Sept. 30, 1980

Royer, John, 84, La Verne, Calif., Feb. 17, 1980

Rummel, Louise, 89, Windber, Pa., July 5, 1980

Russmisl, Edith, 81, Lima, Ohio, Sept. 12, 1980

Seyler, Anna G., 83, La Verne, Calif., March 3, 1980

Seymour, Matilda, 98, La Verne, Calif., June 18, 1980

Shank, Mabel, 91, Fruitland, Idaho, Aug. 8, 1980

Shickel, Weldon S., 58, Dayton, Va., July 12, 1980

Showalter, Annie, 81, Martinsburg, Pa., July 29, 1980

Slabaugh, Paul, 65, Sheboygan, Mich., July 29, 1980

Slagle, Bertha, 80, Martinsburg, Pa., July 16, 1980

Smith, Walter H., 92, La Verne, Calif., Feb. 6, 1980

Snyder, Thomas, 94, Windber, Pa., July 5, 1980

Spacht, Verla, 82, Findlay, Ohio, July 16, 1980

Spaine, Mike, 76, Ashland, Ohio, Sept. 13, 1980

Stouffer, Mary K., 89, Chambersburg, Pa., Aug. 15, 1980

Sumner, Charles, 79, New Holland, Pa., June 7, 1980

Turner, Darien, 20, Fruitland, Idaho, Aug. 23, 1980

Underwood, Jean, 75, Martinsburg, Pa., Aug. 11, 1980

Warrenfeltz, Margaretta Kissinger, 65, Waynesboro, Pa., Sept. 24, 1980

Wenger, Elsie R., 91, Orlando, Fla., Aug. 7, 1980

Wieland, Katherine, 96, La Verne, Calif., March 19, 1980

Wineland, James W., 66, Martinsburg, Pa., Sept. 21, 1980

The 'New Brethren': A life-giving gift

This past October, 300 Florida and Puerto Rico Brethren gathered for district conference in Bradenton's newly dedicated Good Shepherd Church of the Brethren. A year earlier that location was a brushy horse pasture. Four years earlier, no one in that city, or in the district either, was considering that there might some day be a Brethren congregation in Bradenton. Three-fourths of the membership of 150, most in their post-50 years, have not come from Brethren roots. They have been Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, United Brethren, Quaker, and Baptist. Now, they are new Brethren. Their joy and their warm, generous welcome made the conference an unforgettable experience. Their story of stewardship and commitment to a common vision gave a challenge to all who participated.

This year the district is invited to another new church for conference, to Christ the Servant Church of the Brethren in Cape Coral, which was also chartered in 1977. At that conference the board report will be given by a chairman from Bradenton and the moderator to receive the gavel will be from Cape Coral. Camp counselors, campers, members of the retirement home board and of district committees and commissions are new Brethren who have joined those with life-long ties to the Brethren family. The district executive understands their experience and shares their contagious enthusiasm for she too has come into the church and its ministry out of another heritage.

This newness among us is a life-giving gift that the church needs. Newness is energizing. It gives hope and promise to those who have not shared drastic change and choice in their faith journey.

Important words for Christians are "revival" and "rebirth." New Brethren help remove blinders from our eyes and distortions from our perceptions. They help us view the faith as today's generation sees it and needs to receive it. They free us of obsolete language and restrictive attitudes that may be barriers for communicating Christ's word to the lonely and lost in our areas of mission. They prepare us to open our hearts and churches to people of other cultures, languages, races, and life-styles. They enable the church to become more of the whole body of Christ.

Some of us long-time Brethren—perhaps even some of the staunch defenders of old truths among us—are living off someone else's understanding of the truth. We may never have known the joy and reality of the new birth as given by the Author of life. It is not uncommon to be a defender of old wineskins, a fearer of new wine.

Where does newness come from? Ultimately, from God, the Creator of life. But its channel is often the venturesome, risk-taking *human being* who senses a call, a nudge to go beyond the usual, to break out of the track, and to walk on a fresh trail. Such people, through faith and because of hope, can see a sign that now is the time for breaking up the fallow ground, for sowing the seed, for rolling back the stone, for leaving kith and kin to go to a new land of promise.

Evangelism is a natural for people of hope. They have a story to tell, a life to share, love to give. They help the church, the community of faith, to receive God's gifts, to have charisma, faith, hope, love. New church development and evangelism that are grounded in these qualities will prosper and grow and open the door to new life for many, because these qualities are of God. They are part of the miracle of Christ.

New church development is seen by some as a means of conservation, of providing a church home for Brethren who have dispersed to areas where congregations of our tradition have not been located. It is true that this is one service provided by planting new churches. It is also true that this is a minor service and that to found new churches primarily by collecting the scattered Brethren in a new area is a high-risk approach. In those of us who are dispersed, there is too much variety and too low a commitment to being Brethren, because of past allegiances.

Experience indicates that it is more fruitful to choose an area with people who need a Brethren kind of ministry and then to invite all who wish, to be part of that ministry and its group life. Brethren values of simple living, community and caring, peace, and service to others are sought by persons and families of Catholic, Protestant, and even Jewish roots who are looking for an experience, not certain labels. Among them will be some of the dispersed Brethren, but not an overwhelming number. Also among them will be a growing number whose experience has never included any form of religious faith, who come out of modern American paganism and disorientation.

The new Brethren are an amazing mixture. They bring many good gifts. Their gifts and presence among us give assurance that God is active and present in our church. —MERLE CROUSE

Merle Crouse is Parish Ministries staff for church development and evangelism.

lives which cannot be changed among the many things which can. Living constantly under the illusion of the possibility of change does not allow people to deal with the truth of their situation when that situation is unchangeable. Therefore the church should cease its concern for changing homosexuals into heterosexuals and rather express the same concern for the sexuality of homosexuals as it does for heterosexuals. The church should stress the importance for all people of sexuality expressed in faithfulness.

Jesus realized our sexuality was potentially too powerful for all of us to deny (Matt. 19:10ff). In speaking of celibacy, he said it was only for those "to whom it is given." And then self-denial of sexual expression was only for the purpose of committing oneself totally to the work of the kingdom; it was not for the purpose of denying sexual expression in and of itself. Those who could not "receive this" teaching should express their sexuality faithfully. It cannot be any different for that significant number who discover they are homosexual.

Look at it this way: We who are the church realize today that in spite of the

implication of a few biblical passages, women are equal human beings with men. This realization has come from women refusing to live under the traditional understanding of these few passages. And men now realize that as men they are not in a position to say what women should feel and desire and be. We who are the church have come to accept the equal participation of women in the life of the church—and in life.

So should we who are the church realize today that in spite of the implication of a few biblical passages, homosexual men and women are equal human beings with heterosexual men and women. This realization is coming about from homosexuals who are refusing to live under the traditional understanding of these passages. And heterosexuals must realize they are not in a position to say what homosexuals should feel and desire and be. We who are the church must come to accept the equal participation of homosexual men and women in the life of the church—and in life. The living spirit of Christ compels it. □

Kerby Lauderdale is a member of the Eel River congregation, North Manchester, Ind.

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Licensing/ Ordination

Bauer, Gary W., ordained Oct. 26, 1980, Dryton Plains, Michigan
Porter, Terry Nolan ordained Nov. 9, 1980, Dupont, Northern Ohio
Smith, Thomas H. licensed Oct. 4, 1980, Fairchance, Western Pennsylvania
Sollenberger, Beth licensed Dec. 30, 1979, currently attending Bethany Seminary
Steele, Jay H. licensed Sept. 7, 1980, Martinsburg, Middle Pennsylvania

Pastoral Placements

Attaway, John F., from Antelope Valley, Southern Plains, to Jackson Park, South-eastern
Brown, Claron, from Morning Star, Florida/Puerto Rico, to Stanley, Wisc., Illinois/Wisconsin
Elkberry, James O., from Bethel, Neb., Western Plains, to Springfield, Good Shepherd, Southern Missouri and Arkansas
Harsh, Norman L., from E. Fairview, Atlantic North-

east, to Blacksburg, Virginia
Johanna, Lewis N., from secular, other denomination, to Clovis, N.M., Southern Plains
King, Gregory D., from other denomination, to Defiance, Northern Ohio
Leavenworth, Lynn, from other denomination, to Ambler, Atlantic Northeast
Lehman, Dallas D., from (Lower Conewago) Bermudian, Wolgath, Southern Pennsylvania, to (Lower Conewago) Bermudian, Southern Pennsylvania
Long, John D., from retirement, to Drexel Hill, Atlantic Northeast
McCann, Sam, from Dallas Center, Northern Plains, to Salamonic, South/Central Indiana
Simmons, Ben J., from secular, to Assoc. Pastor, Elizabethtown, Atlantic Northeast
Steele, Randy L., from New Fairview, Yorkana-FM, to Lower Conewago, Wolgath, Southern Pennsylvania
Wills, Douglas, from Fairview, Rocky Mount, Virginia, to Saunders Grove, Virginia
Wilson, Leland, from La Verne, Pacific Southwest, to

York, First, Southern Pa.
Wine, Jacob C., to Pottstown, Atlantic Northeast
Zumbra, Brent, from Woodgrove Parish, Michigan, to Sunfield, Michigan

Wedding Anniversaries

Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Hagerstown, Md., 63
Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Cleoy, Adel, Iowa, 54
Brubaker, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon, Adel, Iowa, 59
Custer, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, North Manchester, Ind., 50
Dively, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, Friedens, Pa., 51
Garst, Mr. and Mrs. Oakel, Girard, Ill., 50
Goughmoe, Mr. and Mrs. Earl, McPherson, Kan., 65
Grossmickle, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus, Myersville, Md., 50
Hess, Mr. and Mrs. Chester, Quarryville, Pa., 63
Hottle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Friedens, Pa., 51
Kauffman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Hutchinson, Kan., 64
Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Sam, Johnstown, Pa., 58
Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Homer,

Windber, Pa., 50
Messamer, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Dallas Center, Iowa, 56
Miller, Mr. and Mrs. David, Arcanum, Ohio, 50
Miller, Mr. and Mrs. William S., Bridgewater, Va., 65
Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Carl, Adel, Iowa, 60
Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Adel, Iowa, 63
Pickling, Mr. and Mrs. John, Chambersburg, Pa., 50
Plunkett, Mr. and Mrs. Herman, Eaton, Ohio, 50
Priser, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence, New Lebanon, Ohio, 51
Reiste, Mr. and Mrs. Ed, Dallas Center, Iowa, 57
Rinehart, Mr. and Mrs. Frank, Richmond, Ind., 64
Rinehart, Mr. and Mrs. George, Richmond, Ind., 66
Root, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, New Lebanon, Ohio, 52
Royer, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin, Perry, Iowa, 52
Rust, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn C., Eaton, Ohio, 50
Saider, Mr. and Mrs. Frank, New Paris, Ind., 50
Stine, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Adel, Iowa, 53
Swank, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson, West Milton, Ohio, 50
Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Russell,

Elkhart, Ind., 50
Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Shawnee, Kan., 50
Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde, Lancaster, Pa., 60
Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Ortha, Johnstown, Pa., 57
Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Johnstown, Pa., 57
Worley, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph, Hanover, Pa., 64

Deaths

Anderson, Helen M., 55, Waterloo, Ind., May 23, 1980
Baldwin, Frank, 86, Sebring, Fla., April 28, 1980
Bitner, Charles L., 59, Chambersburg, Pa., Oct. 20, 1980
Brightbill, George, 82, Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 24, 1980
Brubaker, Roxie M., 76, Huntsville, Ohio, Oct. 2, 1980
Cabbage, Florence, 63, Prairie City, Iowa, Nov. 3, 1980
Cherry, Mary Ziegler, 89, Ridgely, Md., Nov. 3, 1980
Coffman, John, 86, Boonesboro, Md., July 21, 1980
Dell, Joseph Carlyle Jr., 78, Mt. Sidney, Va., Oct. 14, 1980
Fishack, Russell H., 71, Waynesboro, Pa., Oct. 13, 1980

More things you dreaded knowing . . .

Last July I wrote an editorial, a "self-interview," titled "Everything You Dreaded Knowing. . . ." Despite that title, I couldn't include "everything," and subsequent letters to the editor have prompted me to do a followup. So, pencil in hand, and tongue in cheek, here goes again:

How did you ever get to be editor of MESSENGER?

By happening to be standing around when they were desperate. Some people consider this "being called."

Why do Elgin staff come across as a bunch of stuffed shirts?

A table of us at coffee break one day took a poll. Every one of us had grown up on a farm where cows were still milked by hand. So look again, there'd be hayseed sifting from our pants cuffs . . . except that designer jeans don't have cuffs.

I hear MESSENGER is in trouble. Is that true?

You're confusing the magazine with its editor. Subscriptions have been climbing for several months now—as healthy a sign as I know. We do share the "trouble" that all General Board program currently is in—giving to the Brotherhood Fund isn't keeping pace with inflation, so we're cutting corners wherever we can.

You mean MESSENGER subscriptions don't pay for the magazine's expenses?

Not by a long shot. A General Board subsidy makes up the difference. (Now you're talking—if you've got to help pay for it anyway, you might as well subscribe to it!)

Isn't family life coming apart at the seams?

Not if the fabric is strong and wears well. Family life is certainly being changed by a whole new

set of social circumstances. But families have never been a mere whim of society. They will survive because they are vital—we all have the need to belong to others.

But what about divorce? It's so common, even among our pastors.

More people feel free to get divorces than before. It's not that more Brethren marriages are failing—it's just that more Brethren are unwilling to struggle along after their marriage has failed.

Do you agree that "handguns don't kill; people do"?

Absolutely. That's why I say, let's keep handguns away from them.

Why doesn't MESSENGER give space for statements by Brethren special interest groups, such as the Brethren Revival Fellowship or the Womaen's Caucus?

Do you have any idea how many such groups there are? And how varied (or at odds) are all those "special interests"? If all those groups would be content to see each other's statements on a facing page of MESSENGER, they wouldn't need to be a "special interest" group in the first place.

Okay. But how come you have so little poetry in MESSENGER?

There isn't more than a handful of Brethren who can write poetry. It amazes me that all the people who can make two words rhyme think they are poets, and send me their "poetry."

You mean, like persons who can write a glib sentence think they can be an editor?

Time's up!—K.T.

Licensing/ Ordination

Ford, Hollace A., licensed Nov. 30, 1980, New Hope, South-eastern
Mock, G. Neal, licensed Dec. 7, 1980, Middlebury, Northern Indiana
Remmer, Bob L., licensed Dec. 14, 1980, South Keokuk, Northern Plains
Yolke, Robert G., licensed Dec. 14, 1980, Pleasant Hill, Southern Pennsylvania

Wedding Anniversaries

Albright, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph, Eldora, Iowa, 65
Carey, Mr. and Mrs. John, Waynesboro, Pa., 55
Dehaute, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, Myersville, Md., 51
Ebie, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Akron, Ohio, 50
French, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Des Moines, Iowa, 60
Grunnicle, Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Myersville, Md., 51
Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Earl, Keswick, Iowa, 65
Jefferson, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, Frederick, Md., 61

Keltner, Mr. and Mrs. Guy, Mt. Morris, Ill., 64
Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Brazil, Friedens, Pa., 61
Longanecker, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest, Pomona, Calif., 73
McCallough, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, Winter Park, Fla., 53
Prosty, Mr. and Mrs. Walter, Dallas Center, Iowa, 53
Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Cabool, Mo., 60
Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Horace, Hanover, Pa., 59
Wine, Mr. and Mrs. John H., Dallas Center, Iowa, 60
Worthen, Mr. and Mrs. George G., South Bend, Ind., 50

Pastoral Placements

Blake, Robert P., from clinical training to director, department of pastoral care, Sherman Hospital, Elgin, Ill.
Harper, James L. Jr., from Easley, Southeastern, to Birmingham, Sun Valley, Southeastern
Melhorn, J. Jack, from secular, to Verdigris, Western Plains
Richards, A. Frank, from secular, to Smith Chapel, W.Va., Virginia

Deaths

Anderson, Chris, 84, Boones Mill, Va., Oct. 30, 1980
Baird, Morva L., 68, Altoona, Pa., Dec. 21, 1980
Barnes, Dollie M., 89, Panora, Iowa, Dec. 11, 1980
Barryman, Gilbert, 61, Denver, Ind., Dec. 29, 1980
Cary, Webster R., 76, Boones Mill, Va., Nov. 23, 1980
Clark, Barbara, 47, Panora, Iowa, Nov. 6, 1980
Gibson, Clarence O., 81, Boones Mill, Va., Oct. 12, 1980
Gordon, Walter, 88, Ft. Myers, Fla., Dec. 6, 1980
Haugh, Myrle, 82, Bridgewater, Va., Dec. 23, 1980
Hedges, Kathy, 19, Frederick, Md., Nov. 13, 1980
Kinzie, Evelyn, 76, Peru, Ind., Mar. 23, 1980
Koger, Ethel Stone, 68, Bassett, Va., Oct. 24, 1980
Lambert, Hurl W., 69, Harrisonburg, Va., Dec. 4, 1980
Lynch, Noble, 76, Wilmington, Del., Dec. 21, 1980
McMillen, Harvey H., 79, Leeton, Mo., Dec. 31, 1980

are in Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, and Egypt. Some 500,000 Armenians sought freedom in the US, settling primarily in Boston, Chicago, and California, which constantly reminds them of their homeland. Wherever they have settled, Armenians strive to preserve their culture and language.

The dream of establishing an Armenian college in America began with the arrival of one immigrant survivor, Kevork Sarafian. Sarafian became a professor of language and chairman of the teacher education department at La Verne College. Although he died in 1975, the AAIC was established by his son, Armen Sarafian, now president of the University of La Verne.

The college began in 1976, only a year after Kevork Sarafian's death, with 30 students. The Brethren arranged for classroom and office space at the La Verne church. The college since has grown to the point that it now occupies a building of its own in La Verne, in addition to what the Brethren congregation provides.

At the American Armenian International College, students may take courses in Armenian culture and history but also may register in regular University of La Verne courses. Nearly half the students registered in the fall of 1980 are majoring in business administration, for instance.

Armen Sarafian sees the college as a natural outgrowth of the earlier relationship between Brethren and Armenians and of the similarities between the two. "The Brethren and Armenians share many common elements, none of which is more important than the Armenian devotion to Christianity and the Brethren devotion to peace," comments the university president. "Both are willing to bear the consequences rather than succumb."

"There is also a sense of moral courage Brethren share with Armenians. And with this are virtues of service to others, high character, and love of family."

A familiar saying among the Armenian people is "*Yerpor Patzwin Toornern Hooso*," which translates "When the doors of hope open up." When the Brethren provided for destitute Armenian orphans and refugees in the early years of this century, the doors of hope opened up. And they remain open through the American Armenian International College and the varied programs of Brethren service around the world. □

Richard Keeler, a grandson of Kevork Sarafian, is a former MESSENGER intern. He is now director of public relations at the University of La Verne.

prayer calendar

For information on many of the prayer suggestions in this calendar, see MESSENGER, December 1980, pages 8-9.

April 19-25: Pray for Howard Ogburn and Carolee Ogburn employed by the General Board to serve at the Kulp Bible School in Mubi, Nigeria.

Pray for Brethren personnel serving at Waka schools in Nigeria under employment by the Nigerian government: Anet Satvedi and Carol Jean Smith, and, in medical service at Garkida, Roy and Violet Pfaltzgraff.

Give prayer support to Wayne Zunkel as he leads the church growth workshop at Virginia's Camp Bethel April 24-25.

April 26-May 2: Continue to give prayer support to Tom and Ruth Nelson in their educational activities with Palestinian refugee children in Israel.

Remember in prayer these Brethren Volunteer Service workers serving in Northern Ireland: Linda Bucher, Nancy Kintner, and Jerry Crouse, and BVSer Doug Overlock serving in the Republic of Ireland.

Pray for the Historic Peace Church Seminar in Washington, D.C., May 3-6.

May 3-9: Pray for BVSers Gail VanKampen in France and Conni Nafzinger in Holland.

Pray for these BVSers serving in Poland: Mark Bitz, Philip Landis, Lyle Lichty, and Diane Woody.

Pray for the Workshop on Urban Ministry in Chicago May 8-9 and for participating Parish Ministries Commission staff member Tom Wilson.

May 10-16: Uphold in prayer Keith and Beth Nonemaker, BVSers on assignment at Castañer, Puerto Rico.

Give prayer support to Ralph and Flossie Royer in service with Church World Service in Niger, Africa.

Pray for Paul and Blanche Geesaman as they return home following five years of volunteer service in New Windsor, Md.

lected \$9 million for food, clothing, medical supplies, transportation equipment, and personnel that was sent to relieve the suffering of Armenians and Syrians.

In March 1919, two Brethren were asked by the American Committee to travel in the area for several months. J. E. Miller, secretary of the General Sunday School Board and chairman of the Brethren relief committee appointed by a special Conference, and Arthur J. Culler, pastor of the McPherson, Kan., church, made the trip. Culler remained for a year directing the work in Armenia for the American Committee.

Miller wrote detailed and intriguing accounts of the devastation and suffering

the men saw among the Syrian and Armenian refugees. He came home believing firmly that Brethren had too long neglected the broader work of world reconciliation through overseas relief and service. He was impressed with the projects being done by other groups and wrote, "We need to recognize the work that others are doing and we have failed to do."

When it came time for Annual Conference to renew or dismiss this temporary relief committee, no action was taken. J. E. Miller continued as chairman and M. R. Zigler, already at the Elgin offices serving as missions secretary of the General Mission Board in 1919, began an

instrumental role in the future of overseas relief when he was appointed to the committee in 1920.

In 1921, the Annual Conference assigned responsibility for overseas relief to the General Mission Board and requested that J. E. Miller, M. R. Zigler, and H. Spenser Minnich, all members of the Relief and Reconstruction Committee, "study (the) question of relief and report to (the) Board." In this action were the seeds of a long and dedicated Brethren overseas relief and service program.

Following the 1915 massacres, Armenian survivors dispersed all over the globe. Few still live in Turkey. Most live in what is now the Armenian S.S.R., but others

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But the Scriptures make no distinction between gay lust and gay love. Homosexual love is never explicitly approved in the Bible. Indeed, wherever homosexuality is named, it is condemned. At no place in the Scriptures is homosexual love commended. The aim of Christian sexuality is not so much personal satisfaction as it is interpersonal completeness (Gen. 2:24; Mark 10:8). Homosexuality (whether defined in terms of lust or love) is not a valid model of sexuality, for it affirms incompleteness. Homosexuals need help in getting right with God, not someone to support their sin.

Although no true Christian church can

support the ethics of a homosexual style of living, we must all respond to homosexual persons in a caring and helpful way — showing concern, compassion, and hope for change. We must recognize that homosexuals are not freaks in a world of straights. They are human beings, made in God's image, people who need God's message of redemption the same as all the rest of us.

I believe, however, that to endorse homosexuality as a valid Christian lifestyle would be in conflict with the Scriptures. We must have compassion for one who deviates from God's norm, whether homosexual or heterosexual, and we must endeavor to offer redemptive help. But we

declare once again that the Bible teaches that sexual intimacies are to be reserved for the marital relationship between a man and a woman who have made a covenant to love and cherish each other for a lifetime.

Will the Bible be our normative guide, or will the Church of the Brethren on this issue yield to the pressures from human reasoning, personal experiences, and public opinion? The winds of permissiveness are blowing all around us. God grant us a church that will stand tall for what we know is right. □

Harold S. Martin is editor of the BRI Witness, published by the Brethren Revival Fellowship.

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(Orientation completed Jan. 28, 1981)

Alstot, Rebecca and Billy, of Tonasket, Wash., assignment pending.

Cassel, Wilbur, of Lancaster, Pa., to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.

Cline, Charles and Lois, of Bridgewater, Va., to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md. (fall 1981).

Evans, T. Quentin and Helen, of North Manchester, Ind., life-cycle ministries (fall 1981).

Graham, Beulah, of Marion, Ohio, to The Brethren Home, New Oxford, Pa.

Grove, James and Mildred, of Altoona, Pa., to Bethany Theological Seminary, Oak Brook, Ill.

Hatcher, Carolyn, of Broadway, Va., not assigned.

Kaufman, Robert and Marie, of Gobles, Mich., assignment pending.

Mitchell, Mark, of McLean, Va., on MESSENGER staff, Elgin, Ill.

Murray, Gertrude, of Warriors Mark, Pa., to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.

Roller, Elizabeth, of Toms Brook, Va., assignment pending (summer 1981).

Worthen, George and Agnes, of Elgin, Ill., to Pinecrest Manor, Mt. Morris, Ill.

Licensing/Ordination

Dick, Evelyn B., licensed Jan. 11, 1981, Pittsburgh, Western

Pennsylvania
Hawbaker, Duane L., licensed Feb. 8, 1981, Upton, Southern Pennsylvania

Zank-Jones, Jill, licensed Jan. 18, 1981, Germantown, Brick, Virginia

Kimmel, Myers P., ordained Feb. 15, 1981, Boones Chapel, Virginia

Myers, W. Ronald, licensed Jan. 11, 1981, Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania

Shuman, David E., licensed Jan. 25, 1981, Mt. Olivet, Southern Pennsylvania

Thomas, Ronald, lay speaker, Jan. 11, 1981, Markleysburg, Western Pennsylvania

Wagner, Beckie Ann, licensed Feb. 8, 1981, Elkhart, Southside, Northern Indiana

Wastler, Vernon, licensed Jan. 11, 1981, Sharpsburg, Mid-Atlantic

Pastoral Placements

Gaeding, Peter Jr., from Stanley, Illinois/Wisconsin, to Panther Creek, Illinois/Wisconsin

Hiney, Paul E., from other denomination, to Blue River, Northern Indiana

Hoover, Robert D., from Bellwood, Middle Pennsylvania, to Fairview, Northern Ohio

Mina, Tim, from Chippewa, Northern Ohio, to Black River, Northern Ohio

Morris, Robert E., from Welty, Mid-Atlantic, to Rockhill, Middle Pennsylvania

Ocheltree, George Edward, from other denomination, to Sandy Creek, West Marva

Ruff, Clifford R., from Peace, Council Bluffs, Northern

Plains, to Ankeny, Northern Plains

Shaver, B. Eugene, from Johnston Moxham, Western Pennsylvania, to Cedar Grove/Brandywine, Shenandoah

Shuman, David E., to Farmer's Grove Fellowship, Southern Pennsylvania

Snyder, George H., from Upper/Lower Clear, Middle Pennsylvania, to Union Center, Northern Indiana

Steele, Randy Lee, from New Fairview-Yorkana, Southern Pennsylvania, to (Lower Conewago), to Wolgamuth, Southern Pennsylvania

Williams, Gary, from other denomination, to Adrian, Northern Ohio

Wedding Anniversaries

Fasnacht, Mr. and Mrs. Harold, La Verne, Calif., 50

Gish, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, McPherson, Kan., 65

Goughnour, Mr. and Mrs. Earl, McPherson, Kan., 65

Holderread, Mr. and Mrs. Fred, Cushing, Okla., 68

Jamison, Mr. and Mrs. Jack, Santa Ana, Calif., 56

Knauer, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, Manheim, Pa., 60

Krehbiel, Mr. and Mrs. Menno, McPherson, Kan., 50

Kreider, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, Quarryville, Pa., 52

Mow, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, Roanoke, Va., 60

Myers, Mr. and Mrs. William, Englewood, Ohio, 50

Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Louis, Argos, Ind., 51

Stultz, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling, St. Petersburg, Fla., 54

Teter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill, Santa Ana, Calif., 55

Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. William W., New Carlisle, Ohio, 50

Deaths

Arnett, Millie, 95, Columbia, City, Ind., March 22, 1980

Barnett, Jesse A., 88, Breerton, Wash., Jan. 24, 1981

Beechley, Samuel B., 101, Rocky Mount, Va., Feb. 1, 1981

Billinger, May E., 76, Lititz, Pa., Dec. 29, 1980

Bowers, Wilma Joan, 52, Yarrowburg, Md., Feb. 3, 1981

Brown, Dorothy N., 54, Elgin, Ill., March 13, 1981

Campbell, Wilbert J., 69, Bellwood, Pa., Feb. 1, 1981

Colebank, Paul Reuben, 90, Glendora, Calif., Feb. 20, 1981

Davis, Edward Frank, 65, Brownsville, Md., Jan. 17, 1981

Dubbele, Sandra F., 33, Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 8, 1981

Dunkle, Frank, 84, Duncansville, Pa., Jan. 4, 1981

Famous, Frank, 67, Phoenixville, Pa., Jan. 4, 1981

Forsythe, Anna O., 95, Quincy, Pa., Feb. 6, 1981

Fyock, Jennie, 85, Duncansville, Pa., Jan. 5, 1981

Gingrich, Miriam, 73, New Holland, Pa., Nov. 15, 1980

Good, Audrey Jean, 19, Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 28, 1980

Haines, Arthur Lee, 60, Boonesboro, Md., Jan. 19, 1981

Hertzog, Paul F., 71, Ephrata, Pa., Jan. 16, 1981

Holder, Harry W., 74, Knoxville, Md., Oct. 24, 1980

Metts, James O., 68, Dayton, Va., Dec. 25, 1980

Middlekauff, Max, 41, Macy,

Ind., Apr. 6, 1980

Miller, Earl H., 55, Knoxville, Md., Sept. 26, 1980

Miller, Marion, 79, Ashland, Ohio, Jan. 1, 1981

Moses, Ruth E., 83, New Carlisle, Ohio, Jan. 9, 1981

Mullendore, Edgar D., 81, Boonesboro, Md., Jan. 29, 1981

Myers, Edna, 86, Mexico, Ind., July 1, 1980

Newcomer, Daisy, 83, Waynesboro, Pa., Jan. 24, 1981

Oiler, Blanche R., 90, Chambersburg, Pa., Dec. 15, 1980

Olwin, Edna, 94, Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 31, 1980

Posley, Charlie E., 70, Boonesmill, Va., Jan. 7, 1981

Quay, Horace E., 65, Oaks, Pa., Jan. 15, 1981

Repper, Iva Jean, 58, Stanley, Wisc., May 1, 1980

Rodeffer, Mollie, 101, Mt. Morris, Ill., Jan. 30, 1981

Robson, William Wendell, 75, Elgin, Ill., March 2, 1981

Russell, Flora J., 58, Boones Mill, Va., Oct. 9, 1980

Sink, Ella Cabiness, 88, Rocky Mount, Va., Dec. 31, 1980

Spangler, Harry D. Jr., 57, Waynesboro, Pa., Dec. 15, 1980

Stanley, Paige, 55, Roanoke, Va., Dec. 15, 1980

Todd, Bertha B., 78, East Petersburg, Pa., Dec. 17, 1980

Trent, Helen K., 97, Panorama, Iowa, Oct. 26, 1980

Walters, Opie B., 85, Roanoke, Va., Feb. 3, 1981

Weigley, Grace, 77, Wooster, Ohio, Nov. 6, 1980

Weigley, Walter F., 79, Wooster, Ohio, Jan. 29, 1981

Wright, William H., 85, Weyers Cave, Va., Nov. 12, 1980

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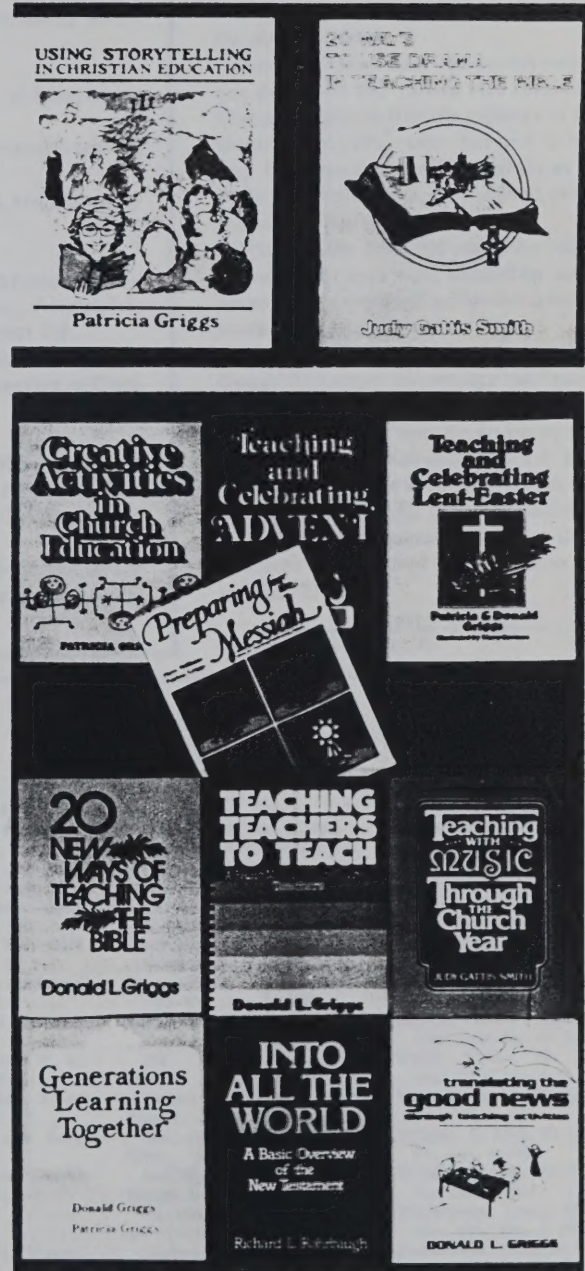
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(Luke 4:16-19). The prophet proclaims that God's spirit has anointed him to preach that the blind will see and the captives will be set free.

I think it would be wise to consider whether our Lord was referring to physical captivity to an oppressive government or spiritual captivity to sin. Ought

we to obtain justice and liberation by actively supporting the violent overthrow of governments as Brother Gibble seems to infer? I think not.

Jesus declared after reading these passages that they were fulfilled that day in the presence of his listeners. Did he then proceed to advocate overthrow of the Romans because they were oppressive, had no popular support, and ruled only through military force? No, he avoided all political involvement even though a strong anti-Roman movement already existed in Judea. Rather than rebel, he obeyed to the point of death.

One generation later the Jewish nation was destroyed and carried into captivity. If Jesus meant to free the captives in the physical sense this makes him out to be a liar. The Jews became despised slaves and those who followed Jesus suffered persecution and martyrdom.

Why did the Jews not recognize him? Because their eyes were blinded by sin and because they expected a Messiah who would lead a revolt against Rome.

Since they took the gospel out of the *Gospel Messenger* its message has been one of support to the leftist revolutionaries wherever they are trying to overthrow the established order. This is not scriptural. I believe God will hold us accountable if we know the truth about the One who sets the captives free, but do not proclaim it because of preoccupation with politics. □

Tom Knepper is a member of the Brothersvalley congregation, Brotherton, Pa.

prayer calendar

July 19-25: Pray for the Bethany Extension School to be held July 26-31 at Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pa.

Pray for the American Festival of Evangelism to be held in Kansas City, Mo., July 27-30 (see story, page 5).

Give prayer support to these Brethren Volunteer Service workers serving at the Church of the Brethren General Offices in Elgin, Ill.: Donna Fasnacht, Kathy Kline, Scott LeCrone, Mark Mitchell, and Karen Shallenberger.

July 26-August 1: Pray for the 1981 Conference on the Holy Spirit at Manchester College, July 30-August 2.

Remember in prayer BVSers Brad Crossmore and Carol Wise Crossmore serving at United Faith Ministries, Denver, Colo.

Give prayer support to Jerry Shenk and Julie Shenk, BVSers on assignment to Queen Louise Home, Fredericksted, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands.

August 2-8: Pray for the work of these Church of the Brethren districts assembled in district meeting: Southern Missouri and Arkansas, at Peace Valley, Mo., August 7-8; Southeastern District at Lees McRae College, Banner Elk, N.C., August 7-9.

Give prayer support to BVSer Sandra Cummings in service at Kokokahi Hunger Model, Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii, and to Rhonda Ashenfelter, BVSer serving at Open Sesame Child Care Center, Dixon, Ill.

August 9-15: Undergird with prayer the work of these districts assembled in district meeting: Northern Indiana at Camp Alexander Mack, August 14-15; Northern Ohio at Wooster College, August 14-16; Western Plains at YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colo., August 14-16.

Remember in prayer these BVSers: Ellen Mellinger and Sue Six, in service at the Dundalk Church of the Brethren, Baltimore, Md., and Tracy Lee Wiser, serving at the Frederick Church of the Brethren, Frederick, Md.

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Pastoral Placements

Brubaker, Gordon L., to Danville, West Marva
Brubaker, H. Dale, from secular, to Swan Creek, Northern Ohio
Callahan, Scott, from other denomination, to Antelope Valley, Southern Plains
Crugan, Rodger, from other denomination, to Kansas City, Messiah, Missouri
Earlenbaugh, Donald, from other denomination, to Owl Creek, Northern Ohio
Firstbrook, Clinton, from Maple Grove, Illinois/Wisconsin, to Astoria, Illinois/Wisconsin
Jones, Royce, from other denomination, to Slifer, Northern Plains
Ledbetter, Tim, from other de-

nomination, to Wenatchee Brethren/Baptist, Minister of Christian Ed., Oregon/Washington
Rosenberger, Bruce, from Center, Northern Ohio, to Greenville, Southern Ohio
Smith, A. Herbert, from Lack Creek, Northern Ohio, to Ridgeway, Atlantic N.E.
Weber-Han, Sam and Cindy, from Warrensburg, Mo., Tri-District, to Klamath Falls, Oregon/Washington

Wedding Anniversaries

Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sr., Ephrata, Pa., 50
Bowser, Sharon and Grace, Kittanning, Pa., 50
Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell, Middletown, Iowa, 50
Graybill, Mr. and Mrs. Harry,

Rochsville, Pa., 63
Holsinger, Mr. and Mrs. Emro, Quakertown, Pa., 58
Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. George, Parsons, Kan., 58
Kreider, Mr. and Mrs. Albert, New Plains, Ind., 50
Moyer, Mr. and Mrs. Glen, Greenville, Ohio, 60
Muntzing, Margaret and Ernest, Roanoke, Va., 51
Rohrer, Pearl and Ferdie, Fern Park, Fla., 59
Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. E., Parsons, Kan., 50
Wenger, Mr. and Mrs. Amon, Leola, Pa., 54
Whitacre, Jesse and Ruth, Roanoke, Va., 56
Wofford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Emmaus, Pa., 57

Deaths

Bryant, Walter, 58, Waynesboro, Va., March 12, 1981

Buffenmyer, Wayne, 82, Ephrata, Pa., Jan. 31, 1981
Chamberlin, Adrienne, 30, San Diego, Calif., March 26, 1981
Dudley, Blanche Naomi Deahl, 89, Centerville, Iowa, Sept. 6, 1980
Dunham, Ethel Klein, 76, Salisbury, Md., Feb. 22, 1981
Firestone, Christine, 65, Troutville, Va., Dec. 26, 1980
Hallen, Rosie F., 91, Hollidaysburg, Pa., March 17, 1981
Hinson, Lillian Juanita, 49, Goshen, Ind., Jan. 19, 1981
Hubert, Vance, 85, Goshen, Ind., April 2, 1981
Kline, Betty, 59, Goshen, Ind., Feb. 17, 1981
Kruger, John W., 78, Richland, Pa., March 15, 1981
McCavitt, Geraldine, 71, Goshen, Ind., March 2, 1981
Metzger, Pauline, 81, Decatur,

Ill., March 26, 1981
Miller, Ralph K., 77, Columbia, Md., Oct. 5, 1980
Myer, Florence M., 91, Flora, Ind., March 29, 1981
Norman, Carl, 78, Waynesboro, Va., Jan. 6, 1981
Pieper, Thelma, 75, San Diego, Calif., March 19, 1981
Sensenig, William, 65, Ephrata, Pa., Feb. 11, 1981
Stickler, Flora E., 102, Bloomfield, Iowa, Jan. 31, 1981
Teach, Wilber, 88, Springfield, Ohio, March 27, 1981
Westfall, Emma, 77, Ephrata, Pa., Feb. 4, 1981
Wingert, E. Ruth, 80, Quincy, Pa., Dec. 4, 1980
Wright, H. Clay, 74, Fairfax, Va., Jan. 3, 1981
Wrightsmann, Laura, 93, Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 3, 1981
Zimmerman, Christian M., 72, Ephrata, Pa., Jan. 16, 1981

politics

and of the upward pull of God's love and revelation, most fully achieved in the life and teachings of Jesus, the Messiah.

Freed from the problems which biblical literalism brings with it, the Bible can be a resource for the pilgrimage of each of us. Ultimately, the authority of the Bible depends upon the truth of what is written in it, not upon some claim made for it. □

Bruce K. Wood is pastor of the San Francisco (Calif.) Church of the Brethren.

Owen G. Stultz

Making church ready for peace

As the New York's World Fair was opening some years ago, a visitor was impressed with the technological achievements evident in many exhibits. Surely, he thought, in a world that can achieve so much technologically, we ought to be able to do more than we have about human relationship problems. What does religion have to offer? Some answers ought to be suggested in the religious exhibits, he thought. He came to a church exhibit, but in front of the uncompleted structure was a sign, "Not Ready Yet."

When will the church be ready?

We live in a world that seems caught in a hysterical belief that the only way we can really deal with human problems is with fear and force—threatening each other with more awesome ways to destroy one another. We speak of our nation as the greatest nation on earth—and there are many great things about the United States of America.

But we also have attained the "distinction" of being among the most violent people on earth. Our national policy of peacemaking appears to be "aiding" our friends with weapons and telling our "enemies" that we will not hesitate to use our nuclear arsenal capable of killing millions of their people—and ours. We hope this will bring peace and security.

Can we expect world peace by nations threatening each other? I don't think so. This only raises the level of fear and distrust and leads to a new generation of weapons to make killing more efficient. If it is true that terrible weapons and threats

against nations will bring peace and well-being, then it should also be true that individuals carrying weapons and threatening other people will bring security and peaceful relationships in daily living.

Some do operate on this philosophy, and not only are "enemies" killed, but sometimes friends and loved ones as well.

Jesus Christ said, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also" (Luke 6:27-29).

"But isn't that mighty risky?" Sure it is. But so are retaliation and threats of violence. We don't love people by killing them. "But what about those who violate the lives and rights of other people? You just can't sit there and do nothing." I am not advocating doing "nothing." I am advocating that we do not use violence in our confrontation.

Some effective methods of nonviolent resistance already exist and have been used successfully. Popular commitment, however, is to violence. This often ignores the underlying causes of hostility. If we become willing to give the priority and resources to developing and applying non-violent methods of peacemaking that we have to developing weapons and strategies of violence, the Christian ideal of peace on earth and good will among people can be realistic.

The church proclaims Christ as the "Prince of Peace." When will we believe what we proclaim, that there is a better way? When will we insist that we must use better methods in dealing with personal, group, and national conflicts than the ultimate violation of peace—killing people? When will the church be ready? □

Owen G. Stultz is district executive for ministry and stewardship in Virginia District.

Tom Knepper

Preoccupation with politics

Brother Lamar Gible comments in his April Column, "A Subdued Celebration," that Jesus began his ministry by choosing a justice and liberation text from Isaiah

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- Boone**, Tanya of Loganton, Pa., to Friendship Day Care, Hutchinson, Kan.
- Cooney**, Dennis of McFarland, Calif., to Peter Becker Community, Harleysville, Pa.
- Evans**, Joe and Linda of Indianapolis, Ind., to Queen Louise Home for Children, St. Croix, Virgin Islands
- Fry**, Linda of Mansfield, Ohio, to Brethren Encyclopedia, Bethany Seminary, Oak Brook, Ill.
- Harnish**, Coleen of Lancaster, Pa., to Lend-A-Hand, Walker, Ky.
- Henderson**, James and Joy of McFarland, Calif., assignment pending.
- Hinrich**, Joe of Martinsburg, Pa., to Camp Blue Diamond, Petersburg, Pa.
- Krouse**, Laura of Quinter, Kan., to Immokalee Neighborhood Services, Immokalee, Fla.
- Kuyper**, Marc of Arnhem, the Netherlands, to Betterway, Inc., Elyria, Ohio
- Lelling**, Deborah of McPherson, Kan., to Camp Eder, Fairfield, Pa.
- Manders**, Wilma of Holland, to Bloomington Christian Center, Bloomington, Ind.
- Pennell**, Nancy of Baltimore, Md., to The Palms, Sebring, Fla.
- Swigart**, Carol of McVeytown, Pa., to Friendship Day Care, Hutchinson, Kan.
- Thill**, Byron of Wenatchee, Wash., to Camp Koinonia, Cle Elum, Wash.
- Trinkler**, Daniel and Line-May of Switzerland to ACORN, Little Rock, Ark.
- van Veghel**, Tom of the Netherlands, to Bloomington Christian Center, Bloomington, Ind.
- Warren**, Claudia of Coxsackie, N.Y., not assigned.
- Wiest**, Greg of Hot Springs, S.D., to Community of L'Arche, France
- Ziegler**, Dale of Hershey, Pa., to The Solid Rock, Brigham City, Utah

Licensing/ Ordination

- Bowser**, JuliAnne, ordained June 7, 1981, Chicago First, Illinois/Wisconsin
- Cragan**, Rodger Lawson, ordination received from other denomination June 7, 1981, by Kansas City Messiah, Missouri
- Dowdy**, Dale W., ordained June 14, 1981, Bethel, Neb., Western Plains
- Flory**, Mary Jo, licensed May 31, 1981, Easton Peach Blossom, Mid-Atlantic

- Helman**, Patricia Kennedy, ordained March 15, 1981, Manchester, South/Central Indiana
- Howard**, Craig Alan, licensed June 14, 1981, Brake, West Marva
- Krahl**, Clarence N., ordained May 24, 1981, Myerstown, Atlantic Northeast
- Kennel**, Pauline, licensed May 24, 1981, York Center, Illinois Wisconsin
- Noffsinger**, Bruce Adams, ordained May 24, 1981, Salamonic, South/Central Indiana
- Raymor**, William Elwood Jr., ordained May 17, 1981, Crystal, Michigan
- Rath**, Michael Joseph, licensed May 17, 1981, Drayton Plains, Michigan
- Rodhaugh**, Stanley, ordained May 24, 1981, Bethel Center, South/Central Indiana
- Sartin**, James R., relicensed May 14, 1981, Wolf Creek, Southern Ohio
- Thill**, Curtis C., licensed June 7, 1981, Panther Creek, Northern Plains
- Ulrich**, Daniel Warren, licensed May 24, 1981, Bridgewater, Shenandoah
- Whipple**, Charles David, ordination transferred from other denomination April 2, 1981, by Shenandoah

Pastoral Placements

- Bala**, Paris E., from interim to part-time, Copper Hill, Virginia
- Bowman**, S. Loren, from retirement to interim, La Verne, Pacific Southwest
- Hernandez**, Ramon, to part-time, Los Angeles Bella Vista, Pacific Southwest
- Hodges**, Ralph M., from Paint Creek, Western Plains, to Fredonia, Western Plains
- Howard**, Craig Alan, from Antietam Bible College to Brake, West Marva
- Kettering**, Carol, from Earlham College to associate, Wichita First, Western Plains
- Martin**, Ross, from college professor to Upper Clair, Middle Pennsylvania
- Mock**, Robert G., from Nampa, Idaho, to Huntington Stone, Middle Pennsylvania
- Richardson**, Eugene B., from secular, to interim part-time, Hopewell, Virginia
- Rittenhouse**, David, from Pocahontas, Shenandoah, to Castañeta, Florida/Puerto Rico
- Skaggs**, Ralph E., from Cerro Gordo, Illinois/Wisconsin, to Cajon Valley, Pacific Southwest
- Wagner**, Liane E., from secular, to Blacklog, Valley Point, Middle Pennsylvania
- Whipple**, Charles, from other denomination to Silver Creek, Northern Ohio

- Yoder**, Leon, from Thurmont, Mid-Atlantic, to Harmony, Mid-Atlantic
- Young**, Robert, from other denomination, to Greenhill, Mid-Atlantic

Wedding Anniversaries

- Bittinger**, Desmond and Irene, San Diego, Calif., 54
- Fish**, LeRoy and Lena, North Manchester, Ind., 62
- Flora**, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph, Trotwood, Ohio, 53
- Herr**, Mrs. and Mrs. Howard, Trotwood, Ohio, 53
- Hollenberg**, Fred and Nora, Lorida, Fla., 62
- McDaniel**, Samuel and Evelyn, Lorida, Fla., 57
- McWethy**, Orville and Bessie, Urbana, Ill., 56
- Myers**, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Potsdam, Ohio, 50
- Perdue**, John and Grace, Lorida, Fla., 55
- Prugh**, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, Trotwood, Ohio, 59
- Puterbaugh**, Mr. and Mrs. John C., Rossburg, Ohio, 50
- Rinehart**, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clifford, Trotwood, Ohio, 53
- Roop**, Roger and Olive, Union Bridge, Md., 50
- Shellhaus**, Mr. and Mrs. Mark, Greenville, Ohio, 52
- Showalter**, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur, North Manchester, Ind., 50
- Shull**, Merlin and Pearl, Elgin, Ill., 60
- Slack**, Paul and Goldie, Zanesville, Ohio, 50
- Stoner**, Mr. and Mrs. David, North Manchester, Ind., 65
- Van Dyke**, John and Bea, Lorida, Fla., 50
- Worley**, Mr. and Mrs. John, Hanover, Pa., 52

Deaths

- Albaugh**, Clyde S., 79, Sidney, Ohio, March 18, 1981
- Anderson**, Carl, 80, La Verne, Calif., March 29, 1981
- Angle**, Hallie, 72, Peru, Ind., Dec. 12, 1980
- Baker**, Blanche B., 79, Huntingdon, Pa., Feb. 18, 1981
- Barcus**, Floyd R., 89, Panora, Iowa, April 28, 1981
- Barnhardt**, Minnie Flora, 89, Rocky Mount, Va., March 16, 1981
- Beck**, Marietta, 77, Canfield, Ohio, March 17, 1981
- Bennett**, J. M., 85, Wyoming, Del., May 6, 1981
- Blough**, Carman, 86, Bridgewater, Va., March 9, 1981
- Brandt**, Jesse C., 87, La Verne, Calif., Sept. 17, 1980
- Brooks**, Charles, 73, La Verne, Calif., Jan. 26, 1981
- Brubaker**, D. Earl, 92, La Verne, Calif., Dec. 15, 1980
- Brubaker**, Dora, 82, Fostoria, Ohio, April 14, 1981
- Buras**, Marie, 84, Flora, Ind., May 13, 1981
- Buskirk**, Kathryn, 71, McPherson, Kan., May 28, 1981

- Butler**, Mae, 87, La Verne, Calif., Dec. 15, 1980
- Butterbaugh**, Merle, 74, La Verne, Calif., Dec. 8, 1980
- Calhoun**, Patricia, 47, Weyers Cave, Va., April 15, 1981
- Carmichael**, Mark J., 71, Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 22, 1981
- Carter**, Florence, 86, Bridgewater, Va., March 11, 1981
- Cheney**, Zula, 68, La Verne, Calif., Sept. 29, 1980
- Cornwall**, Carrie Kao, 92, Culbertson, Mont., May 26, 1981
- Crist**, Mary B., 76, Bridgewater, Va., April 5, 1981
- Deaton**, Elizabeth, 84, Eaton, Ohio, April 26, 1981
- Decker**, Mary, 65, Everett, Pa., Jan. 16, 1981
- Detweiler**, Anna, 91, Hatfield, Pa., Aug. 16, 1980
- Ditmer**, Ralph, 86, Potosdam, Ohio, April 28, 1981
- Eaton**, Robert H., 70, Flora, Ind., April 11, 1981
- Edmister**, Verna Cooney, 91, El Cajon, Calif., June 1, 1981
- Eikenberry**, LeRoy, 86, La Verne, Calif., Oct. 9, 1980
- Erb**, Eva R., 87, Roaring Spring, Pa., April 26, 1981
- Etter**, Fannie A., 80, Continental, Ohio, June 15, 1981
- Etter**, Orville A., 84, Continental, Ohio, May 15, 1981
- Faust**, Rachel, 85, Everett, Pa., Jan. 15, 1981
- Flohr**, Ella Miller, 93, North Manchester, Ind., Nov. 21, 1980
- Gish**, Warren, 89, McPherson, Kan., April 13, 1981
- Green**, Hazel, 88, La Verne, Calif., March 10, 1981
- Guyette**, Reatta, 73, Stanley, Wis., April 19, 1981
- Hakes**, Eleanor, 65, Stanley, Wis., April 7, 1981
- Harshman**, Mildred Bonebrake, 83, Rome, N.Y., May 28, 1981
- Haugh**, Myrtle, 82, Bridgewater, Va., Dec. 23, 1980
- Hearn**, John K., 86, Huntingdon, Pa., Feb. 9, 1981
- Heck**, Donna Fisher, 40, Huntingdon, Pa., Jan. 9, 1981
- Heeter**, Susie Conover, 91, New Lebanon, Ohio, March 29, 1981
- Heisel**, Raylene Harmon, 47, La Verne, Calif., Oct. 12, 1980
- Helman**, Lucille Barlow, 71, Sidney, Ohio, March 18, 1981
- Herman**, Oscar C., 81, Columbiana, Ohio, Jan. 28, 1981
- Hess**, Rheza M., 81, Mount Alto, Pa., April 28, 1981
- High**, Lawrence R., 88, Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 22, 1981
- Hilton**, Blanche Cover, 99, Hemet, Calif., July 1, 1981
- Hinkle**, Earl, 76, Lorida, Fla., March 23, 1981
- Hoover**, Clyde B., 83, Lawrence, Kan., June 14, 1981
- Hoover**, Oscar Charles, 81, Keyman, Md., April 5, 1981
- Huddleston**, Mary, 88, Peru, Ind., April 28, 1981
- Huffman**, Lester C., 77, Harrisburg, Va., May 12, 1981

- Johnson**, Edith, 89, Bristolville, Ohio, April 24, 1981
- Jordan**, Elza, 85, Avilla, Ind., June 4, 1981
- Keefer**, Glenn J., 66, Zanesville, Ohio, June 3, 1981
- Kenyon**, Luther J., 80, Huntingdon, Pa., Dec. 24, 1980
- Kinzie**, Lucille, 79, Trevilians, Va., March 28, 1981
- Krieder**, Ruth, 67, Milledgeville, Ill., Oct. 24, 1980
- Laber**, Charles, 86, Everett, Pa., March 30, 1981
- Laprade**, Nannie, 93, Boones Mill, Va., April 3, 1981
- Lefever**, Ruth, 83, La Verne, Calif., Oct. 12, 1980
- Lent**, Betty, 57, Zanesville, Ohio, June 12, 1981
- Martin**, Cordie M., 92, Harrisburg, Pa., June 16, 1981
- Mathis**, Cordelia Mae, 81, La Verne, Calif., April 7, 1981
- McCleary**, Merritt, 73, Greenbelt, Md., May 28, 1981
- McDermott**, Lois, 88, La Verne, Calif., Jan. 30, 1981
- Minich**, Eva Shepher, 89, La Verne, Calif., July 5, 1981
- Nicholson**, David, 78, Milledgeville, Ill., July 17, 1980
- Protsman**, Roger H., 70, Sidney, Ohio, June 6, 1981
- Reibley**, Georgia, 49, Peru, Ind., April 4, 1981
- Reagan**, Lillie S., 75, Lakewood, Ohio, April 10, 1981
- Renold**, Charles, 72, Spring Grove, Pa., April 22, 1981
- Richardson**, Thelma, 79, Peru, Ind., Feb. 9, 1981
- Ritchey**, Paul R., 68, Woodbury, Pa., March 30, 1981
- Robinson**, Fannie, 86, La Verne, Calif., March 11, 1981
- Rohrer**, Paul O., 73, Lititz, Pa., May 25, 1981
- Rady**, Bertha M., 95, Sidney, Ohio, June 8, 1981
- Schrauger**, Alfred, 87, Harleysville, Pa., May 7, 1981
- Schwartz**, Martha, 66, Souderston, Pa., Dec. 6, 1980
- Sheets**, Ina Mae, 63, La Verne, Calif., Dec. 23, 1980
- Shumake**, Katherine, 76, Trevilians, Va., Feb. 9, 1981
- Shumake**, Ora B., 84, Trevilians, Va., March 2, 1981
- Smith**, Jess D., 74, Brookville, Ohio, April 11, 1981
- Souslin**, Irma M., 79, Somerset, Ohio, April 16, 1981
- Sparkes**, Harold, 77, Columbiana, Ohio, Oct. 26, 1980
- Stroup**, Donald, 83, North Manchester, Ind., March 18, 1981
- Taggart**, Myron, 72, Peru, Ind., Dec. 12, 1980
- Wagoner**, Glen E., 81, Flora, Ind., June 18, 1981
- Warner**, Frances, 83, South Bend, Ind., May 13, 1981
- Weddle**, Mary Stowe, 77, Battle Creek, Mich., April 23, 1981
- Wenger**, Webster, 80, La Verne, Calif., March 22, 1981
- Werner**, Lulu, 91, Milledgeville, Ill., March 1, 1981
- Williams**, Florence E., 86, Hollidaysburg, Pa., May 13, 1981

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Map'n'Facts: Europe, 1981, 35" x 23" full color map, \$3.25.

The land area from the Urals to the Atlantic is shown with major rivers, mountains, and cities as well as selected centers of religious significance. The "facts" section includes general information and brief statements of the important historical, geographic, and political details.

Ecclesia: The Church in Action in Europe, 90-frame filmstrip with cassette tape and guidance booklet, 1981. (Available from Frysinger Filmstrip Library, 5505 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111, and from some district offices.)

This filmstrip can be used to introduce the study on Europe or to promote discussion around issues and challenges facing the church in Europe today. The filmstrip shows the progress of the churches in Europe from catacombs to cathedrals to community. It provides a good basis for consideration of the role of American churches like the Church of the Brethren with European churches.

Europe Dimension: A Study/Action Guide, Carol Birkland Francis, 1981, 32 pages 8½ x 11 paperback, \$3.95.

Several study possibilities are offered in this guide:

1. A four-session study for adults using *Must Walls Divide?* as the basic discussion resource.
2. A two-day retreat with ideas for older children, youth, and adults learning together in an experience in which a European country is recreated.
3. A six-session fictitious trip to Europe which requires outside research as well as use of the Friendship Press resources listed above.

To help these experiences happen, several chapters provide particular ideas and suggestions about European dining, people exchanges, European festivals, drama and film including a brief drama, resources for celebration and worship, and ideas for publicity and promotion.

All resources are available from The Brethren Press except as noted. All Elgin addresses are 1451 Dundee Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120. —SHIRLEY HECKMAN

Shirley Heckman is Parish Ministries Commission staff for educational development.

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IN 46962 or call (219) 982-6541 for a colorful brochure. Number in group limited. Pastors desiring to host a group contact us at once.

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INVITATION—Jobs at new bus factory and air-conditioning plant offer chance to settle in rural Colorado near our congregation. We will help with job applications and correspondence, housing and transportation while here for job interviews, finding a home, and moving arrangements. Write: Church of the Brethren, Box 186, Wiley, CO 81092.

INVITATION—Enjoy living in Florida with its good life. Come and worship with us. Lorida Church of the Brethren, 15 mi. s.e. of Sebring, off US 98. Worship 10:30 a.m. Good teachers. Nursery provided. Friendly, active fellowship. Adjacent to Palms Estate on Lake Istokpoga, and part of Florida Brethren Homes, Inc. Good boating and fishing. Ira S. Petre, Pastor. Box 461, Lorida, FL 33857. Tel. (813) 655-1466.

INVITATION—Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren invites Brethren moving into Knoxville, Tenn., area to worship with us. We invite people traveling north or south to visit us. Going south on I-75, turn off on Emory Road (8 mi. north of Knoxville); go east (turn left) four miles to Pelleaux Road. First church (brick) on the right. Call John Crumley (615) 687-6474 or W. C. Crumley at (615) 687-1892.

prayer calendar

September 20-26: Pray for the growth and ministry of these congregations established within the past five years, and pray for their pastors: Bradenton, Fla.—Don E. White, pastor; Cape Coral, Fla.—Donald H. Shank, pastor; Massillon, Ohio—Herbert A. Fisher, pastor; Lampeter, Pa.—Curtis W. Dubble, pastor.

Uphold in prayer these Brethren Volunteer Service workers serving with the Lewiston (Maine) Housing Authority: Duane Burget, Karen King, Rodney Meyers, Dennis and Mary Myer, Darlene Wise.

September 27-October 3: Remember in prayer these BVSers in service at Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, Miss.: Gary J. Akers Jr., Kathleen Fodor, Lorraine Hess, Michael and Miriam Longenecker, Rebecca Zumbrum.

Give prayer support to BVSers Joe and Linda Evans, serving at Queen Louise Home for Children, Fredericksted, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands, and Greg Wintz, serving at Community of L'Arche, France.

October 4-10: Uphold in prayer the work of the following district conferences: Atlantic Northeast at Hempfield church, East Petersburg, Pa., October 9-10; Florida and Puerto Rico at Christ the Servant church, Cape Coral, Fla., October 9-10.

Pray for the work of the General Board, meeting October 10-13.

October 11-17: Pray for the meeting of The MICA Mission to be held in the Harrisburg, Pa., area October 18-23, and for Robert Neff, general secretary of the Church of the Brethren General Board, who will participate. The MICA Mission is an extensive Church of the Brethren program of outreach ministries in Africa and the USA.

Support through prayer Colleen Harnish in her services at Lend-A-Hand, Ky.

Remember the work of the Mid-Atlantic District assembled in district conference at the Towson United Methodist Church, Baltimore, Md., October 16-17.

organic nature of the church community? The church is certainly one place we preach the gospel, but in the church we can also begin to live out that gospel in our daily lives. In short, as we are brought to challenge the assumptions of liberation theology, we are given opportunity to question our own assumptions as well. As we do so, our faith can be

strengthened, and we can become more conscious of God's will.

By extending to liberation theology that initial openness characteristic of our own religious tradition, the Brethren may be able to gain immensely from a Christian movement very foreign to our own. At the same time we may discover that we have far more in common with the libera-

tion theologians than is at first apparent. All of us — our brothers and sisters in the Third World, Brother Martin, and the Church of the Brethren — are Christians. All of us seek a biblical and authentically Christian response to the problems and concerns of the world we share. □

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turning points

Licensing/Ordination

Benesch, Gary Lee, licensed July 19, 1981, Johnson City, First, Southeastern
Firstbrook, Clinton F. III, ordination received from other denomination July 12, 1981, Astoria, Illinois/Wisconsin
McFadden, Dan, licensed May 10, 1981, Manchester, South/Central Indiana
Petry, Daniel Mark, ordained May 31, 1981, Akron, South/Central Indiana
Reid, Steven, ordained June 14, 1981, Manchester, South/Central Indiana
Shoemaker, Thomas Patrick, licensed July 5, 1981, Lynnhaven, Pacific Southwest
Wagner, Susan J., licensed July 5, 1981, Little Swatara, Atlantic Northeast

Pastoral Placements

Alley, Robert E., from Fellowship, Martinsburg, Mid-Atlantic, to Everett, Middle Pennsylvania
Bendes, Mark S., from New Haven, Michigan, to Center, Northern Ohio
Bohrer, C. Wendell, from Walnut Grove, Western Pennsylvania, to Middlebury, Northern Indiana
Bowman, Ralph Dulaney, from secular, to Iowa River, Northern Plains
Dearing, J. Oliver, from retirement, to Hickory Grove, South/Central Indiana
Dorsett, George, from other denomination, to Andrews, South Central Indiana
Eller, Raymon and Anna Belle, from retirement, to Wabash, South/Central Indiana
Eller, Wendell C., from Oakton, Mid-Atlantic, to Panther Creek, Northern Plains
Elmore, Kendal W., from Cedar Grove/Ruckersville/Mt. Lebanon, Shenandoah, to Pittsburgh, Western Pa.

Faw, William R., from Chicago, First, Illinois/Wisconsin, to West Richmond, Virginia
Haldeman, Sara, from Camp Swatara-BVS, Atlantic Northeast, to second staff, Salem, Southern Ohio
Heeter, Robert, from retirement, to Upper Fall Creek, South/Central Indiana
Hiltbrand, Tim, from other denomination, to Clear Creek, South/Central Indiana
Leis, Arnold, from secular, to Paint Creek, Western Plains
Morningstar, Al, from secular (lay speaker), to Thurmont, Mid-Atlantic
Neuman-Lee, Jeffrey, from Rogers Park, Illinois/Wisconsin, to associate pastor, Denver, Prince of Peace, Western Plains
Owens, Pamela Jean, from other denomination, to Woodgrove, Michigan
Studebaker, Gary, student, to Beech Grove, South/Central Indiana
Young, Ted and Betty, from Chippewa, Northern Ohio (interim), to Chippewa, Northern Ohio (full-time)

Anniversaries

Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Clair, Curryville, Pa., 58
Bantz, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Trotwood, Ohio, 56
Basler, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert, Trotwood, Ohio, 52
Bashaw, Harvey and Laura, Lebanon, Pa., 60
Bosman, Mr. and Mrs. William, Wilmington, Del., 50
Bretz, Harvey and Hazel, Johnstown, Pa., 50
Carr, Clyde and Ruth, Ottumwa, Iowa, 50
Denlinger, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur, Trotwood, Ohio, 50
Forshaw, Daniel and Harriet, Bethel, Pa., 50
Good, Mr. and Mrs. Ira, Elizabethtown, Pa., 50
Heck, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell, Trotwood, Ohio, 53

Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn, Trotwood, Ohio, 50
Kipp, Earl and Dorothy, Neffsville, Pa., 50
Kreider, Mr. and Mrs. Asher, Baltimore, Md., 59
Lehman, Hobart and Addie, Johnstown, Pa., 60
Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A.D., Roanoke, Va., 50
Moomaw, I.W. and Mabel E., Sebring, Fla., 61
Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer, Bridgewater, Va., 50
Plunkett, Walter T. and Beulah Garst, Roanoke, Va., 60
Ressler, Harvey and Dorothy, Johnstown, Pa., 52
Rowe, Ernest and Ruth, North Lima, Ohio, 60
Selders, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra T., Wilmington, Del., 50
Showalter, Warren and Gladys, Wooster, Ohio, 52
Shriver, Charles and Mary, Hanover, Pa., 55
Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence, San Diego, Calif., 52
Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Walter, Trotwood, Ohio, 57
Sollenberger, Mr. and Mrs. C.C., North Manchester, Ind., 65
Tanareuther, Mr. and Mrs. Orville, Waterloo, Iowa, 61
Veazey, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy, Columbia City, Ind., 60
Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. William, Trotwood, Ohio, 59
Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Carl, Eden, N.C., 50
Witmore, Mr. and Mrs. Merle, Udell, Iowa, 60
Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar N., Bridgewater, Va., 65

Deaths

Adams, Richard D., 50, Bartlett, Ill., June 15, 1981
Beeghly, Arthur, 81, Dayton, Ohio, July 3, 1981
Berry, Beatrice, 76, Ottumwa, Iowa, July 9, 1981
Bonifield, Estella, 79, Seattle, Wash., Feb. 8, 1981
Brandenburg, Harry, 83, Hagerstown, Md., April 28,

1981
Brandt, Royce, 58, Lawrence, Kan., Jan. 1, 1981
Brinley, Byron, 65, Medway, Ohio, May 22, 1981
Broadwater, Clyde, 88, Mt. Carroll, Ill., Jan. 9, 1981
Brubaker, David, 63, Duncansville, Ohio, Dec. 2, 1980
Clapper, Rose M., 65, Curryville, Pa., June 30, 1981
Clemens, Lovina Z., 83, Harleysville, Pa., June 15, 1981
Collins, Elva Sites, 89, Shannon, Ill., March 14, 1981
Cruise, Alpha W., 76, Eden, N.C., April 15, 1981
Davies, Don R., 91, Panora, Iowa, May 22, 1981
Deaton, Elizabeth, 84, Eaton, Ohio, April 26, 1981
Dodd, Harry S., 76, Frederica, Del., June 11, 1981
Eves, Mabel, 82, Norristown, Pa., June 5, 1981
Flickinger, Ronald N., 72, Lanark, Ill., Jan. 11, 1981
Frederick, Mary E., 75, Martinsburg, Pa., June 22, 1981
Good, Violet, 76, San Diego, Calif., July 5, 1981
Graham, John, 80, Windber, Pa., June 17, 1981
Hank, Grace F., 86, Wilmington, Del., July 7, 1981
Haught, Esther Durr, 86, Mt. Carroll, Ill., Sept. 2, 1980
Heeter, Martha, 73, Elkhart, Ind., Nov. 11, 1980
Helsing, Orpha Carbaugh, 86, Stockton, Ill., Feb. 12, 1981
Hoffman, Sam, 74, Lorida, Fla., June 19, 1981
Holsinger, Emra J., 83, Harleysville, Pa., April 10, 1981
Hoover, Dale, 79, Lorida, Fla., June 10, 1981
Ikenberry, Marvin D., 83, Leeton, Mo., July 18, 1981
Kleckner, Pearl, 90, Mt. Morris, Ill., July 3, 1981
Liebfried, Beatrice, 70, Fayetteville, N.C., July 6, 1981
Long, Harold, 68, Hagerstown, Md., June 3, 1981
Lower, Gerald, 80, Lanark, Ill., Nov. 29, 1980

McMillen, Hazel, 78, Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 10, 1981
Maxwell, Maye Stephenson, 96, Boonsboro, Md., July 13, 1981
Miller, Clyde, 66, Hagerstown, Md., July 6, 1981
Nissly, Cecil, 78, Dallas Center, Iowa, July 11, 1981
Nyce, Mary A., 88, Harleysville, Pa., May 22, 1981
Perrin, Mary E., 85, Hollidaysburg, Pa., June 25, 1981
Peters, A. Denton, 87, Roanoke, Va., June 24, 1981
Phell, Joe, 89, Lanark, Ill., May 21, 1980
Powell, Hazel, 92, Polo, Ill., May 20, 1981
Prather, J. Perry, 84, Ashland, Ohio, June 2, 1981
Rowland, Flossie, 92, Polo, Ill., Jan. 4, 1981
Sanders, Thomas A., 76, Lehigh Acres, Fla., Feb. 6, 1981
Sincox, Clair, 55, Ottumwa, Iowa, July 9, 1981
Staggs, Sloan T., 75, Romney, W.Va., Feb. 28, 1981
Stern, Grace Manon, 72, Lanark, Ill., Dec. 6, 1981
Stiffler, Nathaniel, 94, Hollidaysburg, Pa., July 4, 1981
Sweger, Lulu, 89, Waynesboro, Pa., July 11, 1981
Taylor, Bessie Hinkle, 68, Dayton, Ohio, June 9, 1981
Tinkle, William J., 88, North Manchester, Ind., June 12, 1981
Tully, Robert, 71, Lorida, Fla., June 12, 1981
Ullom, Clayton J., 80, Harmony, Minn., May 30, 1981
Viney, Leon W., 67, Flora, Ind., July 18, 1981
White, Celia, 70, Polo, Ill., May 25, 1981
Weeks, Glenn F., 28, Kemar, Md., June 24, 1981
Werner, Fred, 89, Kasson, Minn., June 13, 1981
Werner, Lulu, 91, Milledgeville, Ill., March 1, 1981
Wilkerson, Rowena, 74, Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 14, 1981
Zinn, Althea, 74, Donnels Creek, Ohio, May 2, 1981

tion theologians' central belief that God is active in history. For the liberationists the church is God's sacrament, that part of history where God is present working to save humankind. The church can be "a community of those who have been reconciled to God through faith in Jesus Christ" precisely because it is "the community of all those willing to participate in the struggle for liberation."

Use of Marxism

For Brother Martin, "The Latin American liberationists have reinterpreted Marxism in Christian terms, and given their movement a Christian theological base." Certainly, liberation theologians use Marx extensively.

On the other hand, the liberation theologians argue that Marxism succeeds in explaining the reality in which they find themselves—a reality of suffering and oppression. In their opinion, Western economic and political theories fail to do this. Capitalism maintains that investment in the Third World leads to more jobs and greater prosperity. But in fact increased investment has been accompanied only by increased poverty, corruption, and state terrorism.

The leading schools of Western social and political theory were developed to explain the wealth and power of Europe and North America as they came to control the world. It is hardly surprising that these ideas do not represent the experience of those who came to suffer domination by North America and Europe.

Marx, in contrast, attempted to understand the suffering of the European working class during the early days of industrialization. Accordingly, his theories can be more readily adapted to the conditions of the poor in the Third World.

Liberation theologians feel that they are called by God to be concerned for the world's oppressed. If Marxism helps them to understand this suffering, then they feel morally bound to use Marx. In any case Marxism is but a tool used by liberation theologians to identify the implications of their faith for the world today. The basis of that faith is still the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is surely wrong to stress the social nature of the Christian gospel to the exclusion of the individual, but if Christianity is concerned only with individual salvation, then why does Paul emphasize the

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Kenneth Crosby. Aug. 1982—China by train from London to Hong Kong. Deluxe. Harold B. Brumbaugh. Host. Information: Weimer-Oller Travel, 405 Penn St., Huntingdon, PA 16652.

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prayer calendar

October 18-24: Pray for the work of Southern Ohio District assembled in conference at Mack Memorial church, Dayton, Ohio, **October 23-25;** also for the work of Middle Pennsylvania District in conference at Everett, Pa., **October 24.**

Pray for the Quest II conference for pastors and others in set-apart ministries, at French Lick, Ind., **October 27-30.** (see MESSENGER, December 1980, p. 4).

October 25-31: Pray that the witness of the Historic Peace Churches (Friends, Mennonites, Brethren) may increase and that Christians will join with all persons of good will in expanding peacemaking efforts.

Uphold in prayer the members of your district organization in their work.

November 1-7: Give prayer support to the work of the Illinois and Wisconsin District assembled in conference at Franklin Grove, Ill., **November 6-8.**

Pray for the retirement and nursing homes of your area.

November 8-14: Uphold in prayer the Atlantic Northeast District Leadership Training Conference at Elizabethtown, Pa., **November 14,** and Ruby Rhoades, World Ministries Commission executive, one of its leaders.

Pray for the work of the Idaho and Western Montana District assembled in conference at the Bowmont church, Nampa, Idaho, **November 13-14.**

Remember also in prayer the Virginia District in conference at Roanoke, Va., **November 13-14.**

and God's grace perhaps we will be able to get more solidly established. I don't want to diminish these helps in any way. We need them desperately, but they are just not enough to free our congregation from the battle for survival so that we can minister to our neighborhood.

The Church has somehow developed the attitude that the local congregation is a ministry of self-indulgence, and that outreach means supporting professional institutions like hospitals, clinics, social service, and relief organizations. This notion is just not biblical. Certainly these institutions are worthy of our support, but the church needs to re-establish the local congregation as the primary vehicle for outreach. If we are called to reach out in a certain area, then we should plant a congregation there and then apply the worshiping community of believers to the task.

The Brotherhood also needs to be more supportive of congregations like ours, which are struggling just to survive. Many of these churches are struggling because they are located in areas which provide

the greatest need and opportunity for outreach. Because of this, we need to revive the economic principles of the early church as taught in 2 Corinthians 8, especially verses 13 and 14. When the famine hit Jerusalem, Paul did not take up a collection for Church World Service. He took it up for the church in Jerusalem (1 Cor. 16:1-4) because the congregation

was the institution that fed the hungry and visited the widows in their affliction. I suspect that there are many congregations in the Brotherhood which, like my own, would love to feed the hungry at their doorsteps, but cannot do it alone. □

Wayne Sartin is a member of the Miami First congregation, Miami, Fla.

Myron C. Horst

Ecumenical basics in the hospital

I went to bed at the "Y" and woke up in the hospital. God was teaching me ecumenical basics.

Love swept down and picked me up in its arms when I was about to expire. No pain! Just sleep—the "Big Sleep" just around the corner! The Methodist maid quickly notified the Lutheran residence manager when she found me unconscious

from uremic poisoning.

My Catholic band leader helped to identify me, and a Brethren surgeon did the bladder tap which prevented a recurrence of traumatic events.

As my body felt the many prayers of the First Church prayer chain, I settled down to healing. Brother Jesse's prayers were most soothing. There was no questioning of moralities and no dogmatic scriptural applications—only love. Lucabaugh, Crist, Jenkins, King, Frey, Wenger, Holingshead, Gible, Shaffer, Lehman, and Gipe were a few of the names which sent love. The Lions secre-

turning points

Licensing/Ordination

Breneman, Jerry Dean, licensed July 26, 1981, Columbia City, Northern Indiana
Heffner, Richard Allen, licensed July 26, 1981, Piney Creek, Mid-Atlantic
Myers, Earl Truman, lay speaker, July 26, 1981, Piney Creek, Mid-Atlantic
Nagle, Mr. and Mrs. Joel F., licensed, July 19, 1981, Waynesboro, Southern Pennsylvania
Stauffer, John Howard, licensed May 3, 1981, Lancaster, Atlantic Northeast

Pastoral Placements

Albright, James D., from English River, Northern Plains, to Lick Creek, Northern Ohio
Anglemyer, L. Dean, to Circleville, Southern Ohio
Cox, Alvin S., from English Prairie, Northern Indiana, to Bellwood, Middle Pennsylvania

Frazier, Steven R., from secular, to Henry Fork, Virginia
Hammer, Earl W., from Briery Branch, Shenandoah, to Charlottesville, Free Union, Shenandoah
Keegan, Gerald P., from Circleville, Southern Ohio, to Danville Emmanuel, Virginia
Messe, Gerald, from Morrill/Sabatha, Western Plains, to Rock Run, Northern Indiana
Miller, L. Byron, from Painter Creek/Pittsburg, Southern Ohio, to Spring Creek, South/Central Indiana
Mishler, John D., from Peru, South/Central Indiana, to Bachlor Run, South/Central Indiana
Owens, Pamela J., from other denomination, to Woodgrove Brethren, Michigan
Richer, Roger, from Santa Ana, Pacific Southwest, to Glendora, Pacific Southwest
Shaver, Byrl Eugene, from Cedar Grove/Brandywine, Shenandoah, to Ashland, Dickey, Northern Ohio

Snell, Tim and Dawn, from Laton, Pacific Southwest, to McFarland, Pacific Southwest
Tilley, Jay, from Maple Grove, Virginia, from interim part-time, to regular full-time
Vanderwiele, Dean, from other denomination, to Bethel/Greenville/Rockton, Western Pennsylvania

Anniversaries

Bookwalter, William and Letha, Covington, Ohio, 66
Franke, Harvey and Treva, Covington, Ohio, 56
Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, Salem, Va., 69
Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Rollin, Salem, Va., 60
Hill, Robert and Jessie, Covington, Ohio, 55
Minnix, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse, Salem, Va., 60
Powell, Dan and Jessie, Covington, Ohio, 61
Prouty, Mr. and Mrs. Walter, Dallas Center, Iowa, 54
Roberts, Paul and Grace, Ottumwa, Iowa, 52

Deaths

Barnes, Anna V., 99, Hanover, Pa., Aug. 8, 1981
Bechtel, Elmore B., 95, Woodbury, Pa., July 30, 1981
Blizzard, Edith Marie, 73, Harman, W. Va., July 27, 1981
Bowman, B. Floyd, 86, Muncie, Ind., July 24, 1981
Bowser, Howard R., 91, Kittanning, Pa., Aug. 1, 1981
Bowser, Viola, 61, Kittanning, Pa., July 2, 1981
Colbert, Wesley, 73, Covington, Ohio, May 11, 1981
Cooper, Flodie K., 86, Harman, W. Va., July 24, 1981
Drescher, Paul, 27, Mount Clemens, Mich., March 1981
Dunn, J. Archie, 75, Bridgewater, Va., July 7, 1981
Ebberts, Lottie, 88, Covington, Ohio, May 15, 1981
Fasnacht, Edna, 77, Ephrata, Pa., April 19, 1981
Flora, Rose M., 85, Boones Mill, Va., Aug. 7, 1981
Garber, Lucy, 87, Staunton, Va., May 23, 1981

Graham, John, 80, Windber, Pa., June 17, 1981
Hall, Sherman, 65, Rocky Mount, Va., June 6, 1981
Hoerner, Della, 94, McPherson, Kan., July 25, 1981
Holsinger, Edna R., 83, New Hope, Va., April 8, 1981
Holsinger, Laura, 88, Degraff, Ohio, July 17, 1981
Laughman, J. D., 70, Covington, Ohio, May 4, 1981
Lehman, Wilmer, 73, Saint Clair Shores, Mich., June 10, 1981
Macey, Fred, 81, Madison Heights, Mich., May 23, 1981
McClaff, William, 45, Chambersburg, Pa., July 4, 1981
Musser, Raymond, 76, Covington, Ohio, June 8, 1981
Schmidt, Rose, 86, Johnstown, Pa., July 23, 1981
Seese, Stacia, 82, Ephrata, Pa., May 9, 1981
Ulrey, Robert, 39, Dayton, Ohio, June 26, 1981
Wampler, Beulah, 83, Staunton, Va., April 3, 1981
Whitehead, Glenn Sr., 82, New Paris, Ind., Aug. 4, 1981

giving, ecumenicity

honor and praise the Almighty Lord for providing them with all their blessings.

The church that day is colorfully decorated. The choirs wear new uniforms. School children sing modern songs and traditional songs are shared also. In all of them, God is hailed and praised. The preaching that Sunday is usually brief but meaningful. After church, the building has to be emptied of the abundance of food that has been collected.

Some of the collected food and money is given to the poor and needy, and a portion goes to the priest or pastor of the church, whose salary is very minimal. Generally, most of the money gifts are used for the maintenance of the church house and for other church-related expenses.

So, while Thanksgiving in America seemed to me to center on a fantastic turkey dinner, in Nigeria, my Thanksgiving experience makes me feel closer to God. □

Emmanuel Amadiye of Nigeria contributed this opinion while serving at the Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md., as a Brethren Volunteer Service worker.

Wayne Sutton

Our struggle for survival

I was pleased to read about the MICAH Mission—the \$5.25 million program of outreach ministries in Africa and the US that has been launched by the Church of the Brethren (See July, page 14; November, page 30). However, my joy over the MICAH Mission was quickly clouded as I reflected upon the condition of my home congregation. In our times of self-evaluation as a congregation, the matter of outreach is constantly coming up. In the women's meeting, in Bible study, in conversation after worship, we are asking ourselves why we are not reaching out.

We live in a violent, crime-ridden community. A flourishing drug trade has spawned a murderous new "Mafia" that may be responsible for over half the murders in our county. For some of the cities in our megalopolis, alcoholic establishments are the single largest source of revenue. Add to that pornography,

prostitution, the flood of refugees from Haiti and Cuba, an influx of teenage runaways every winter who often wind up selling their bodies, and the residue of hatred from the riots of May 1980, and you see that we live in a city that cries out for the Micah message. But why are we not reaching out?

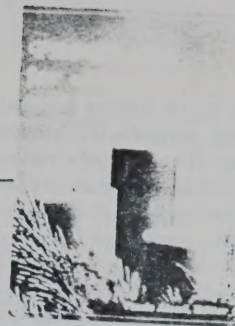
It took me a while to realize that it is not a lack of concern that is preventing our congregation from reaching out. It is our struggle for survival. I used to be critical, in my heart, of our congregation's lack of outreach. Now I have begun to recognize the attrition of outreach in my own life. There is always a trade-off: Can my church afford the time I am putting into the local antinuclear movement? No. So I am no longer involved there. Can my church afford the money it loses if I buy a subscription to *Sojourners* for a Christian with a budding social conscience or for an activist with a budding interest in Jesus? No. So I put the money in the plate. I am nagged with guilt every time I pay my pledge to Riverside House, a local Christian ministry to ex-offenders.

So why don't we reach out? It's simple. If we do reach out, in the way we feel we should, our congregation would go bankrupt and collapse. We would not be able to pay our pastor or the few thousand remaining on our property debt. We can barely keep up with these things now. Our congregation is composed of primarily lower-income working people, widows on Social Security, and a few young families. We simply do not have the resources, human or financial, to do much more than just keep our church alive.

In spite of our introversion and financial difficulties, we have made some progress. We are now tri-cultural (black, Spanish, and English) in attendance. Our Sunday school is growing and in need of teachers. We have also begun to collect food and clothing for distribution among Nicaraguan refugees in cooperation with a small Moravian fellowship.

We have received some help from the district and Brotherhood. The district is helping us with the termites and the small sinkhole that is threatening to swallow the back stoop of the church house. Brother Tom Wilson of the national staff has taken us on as a project. With his help

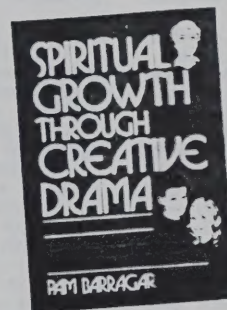
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want an economy to grow you need to have a market which can consume and readily use what is produced. Thus far, there is no consumer for the weapons that are being produced. There is a stockpile, there is storage; thus they are costly to have on hand. A merchant who has commodities on hand, and can't get rid of them usually has a 50 percent sale. Nuclear weapons are too risky to sell, although we sell some to our allies—those we trust. But basically, we sit on them. There is no market, so the millions we spend to produce them evaporates into

a national debt.

General Maxwell Taylor, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff says, "The Soviets have conventional forces in close proximity to virtually all of their national interest that requires defense. Thus, they have no reason to resort to nuclear weapons for protection. Also, World War II taught them how devastating conventional war can be and they know nuclear war would be many times worse. Furthermore, the Soviet economy is in worse shape than ours with food and consumer good shortages; thus we could reduce

military spending without threatening military security" (*Washington Spectator*).

One wonders what's going to happen. The economists claim increased military spending is inflationary. A general in the military says reducing military spending would not threaten security, and President Reagan tells us we have got to be a "superpower again". I wonder if security can be maintained in another way, "turning swords into plowshares." Turn missiles into wheat. Turn weapons into food. □

Ronald D. LeCount is pastor of the Bakerfield (Calif.) congregation.

turning points

Licensing/Ordination

Haldeman, Sara A., licensed Aug. 9, 1981, Conestoga, Atlantic Northeast
Hernandez, Ramon, licensed Aug. 16, 1981, Los Angeles Bella Vista, Pacific Southwest
Moyer, Richard Paul, licensed Aug. 23, 1981, Elizabethtown, Atlantic Northeast
Nettleton, G. Stephen, ordained Aug. 16, 1981, Middlebury, Northern Indiana
Sites, H. Samuel, licensed July 19, 1981, Back Creek-Shanks, Southern Pennsylvania

Pastoral Placements

Coffman, Dennis E., from Ridge, Southern Pennsylvania, to Brattleboro, Vt., Southern Pennsylvania project
Cripe, Mervin, from Brookhaven, Northern Ohio, to Maple Grove, interim, Northern Ohio
Eis, David R., from West Manchester, South/Central Indiana, to Peru, South/Central Indiana
Glick, John W., from secular to Peace Council Bluffs, Northern Plains
Grout, Paul E., from Sugar Ridge, Michigan, to Brattleboro, Vt., Southern Pennsylvania project
Grumbine, G. Wayne, to Mohican, Northern Ohio
Laycock, Catherine L., from secular to McFarland, Pacific Southwest, 2nd staff
Lein, Arnold, from secular, to Brooklyn, Northern Plains
Morphy, Timothy, Bethany Seminary, to Mechanic Grove, Atlantic Northeast 9/1/81-8/31/82 intern
Mouk, Curtiss D., from secular, to Boones Chapel, Snow Creek, Virginia
Petcher, Rhett, to Mount Carmel/New Haven, interim, Southeastern
Schreckhise, Richard F., from

Carlisle, Southern Pennsylvania, to Brattleboro, Vt., Southern Pennsylvania project
Smith, Craig H., from Eagle Creek, Northern Ohio, to Orlando, Florida/Puerto Rico
Yelton, Andrew, to Birmingham, Sun Valley, Southeastern

151st BVS Orientation Unit

(Orientation completed August 9, 1981)
Anglemyer, Rick, Wakarusa, Ind., to The Palms, Sebring, Fla.
Berkenbosch, Heidi, Prairie City, Iowa, to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.
Carter, John, McFarland, Calif., to Campus Religious Center, Normal, Ill.
Christiana, Carol, Chicago, Ill., to Poland
Esch, Brian, Richmond, Ind., to Kokokahi Hunger Model, Oahu, Hawaii
Flaten, Randy, Fergus Falls, Minn., to Poland
Herder, Karoline, Bakersfield, Calif., to United Faith Ministries, Denver, Colo.
Julian, Juanita, Annville, Pa., to Family Crisis Center of Dundalk, Baltimore, Md.
Merz, Ueli, Switzerland, to Camp Stevens, Julian, Calif.
Miller, David, Clarksville, Md., to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.
Richey, Deborah, Kokomo, Ind., to Hospital General Castañer, Castañer, Puerto Rico
Rotz, Elaine, Chambersburg, Pa., to World Neighbors, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Spire, Rosanne, Dandridge, Tenn., to Hoyleton Children's Home, Hoyleton, Ill.
Wagner, John, Engadine, Mich., to Kokokahi Hunger Model, Kaneohe, Hawaii
Waltersdorff, Chris, York, Pa., to Coordinator of Na-

tional Youth Conference, Elgin, Ill.
Witkovsky, Paul, Kensington, Md., to The Palms, Sebring, Fla.
Wort, David, Michigan City, Ind., to Bridgewater Home, Bridgewater, Va.

Anniversaries

Bedford, Floyd and Sadie, Sidney, Ohio, 63
Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton, Oaks, Pa., 57
Eshelman, Mr. and Mrs. Earl, Elizabethtown, Pa., 60
Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Hershey, Pa., 72
Gebhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Oaks, Pa., 57
Gerin, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent, Kokomo, Ind., 51
Hall, Lester and Esther, Potsdam, Ohio, 50
Hoppes, Mr. and Mrs. Walter, Kokomo, Ind., 59
Houck, Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Union Bridge, Md., 50
Hoy, Ira and Maude, Boones Mill, Va., 66
Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar, Kokomo, Ind., 67
Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Port Providence, Pa., 57
Lam, Cleveland and Lizzie, Bucher, Astoria, Ill., 70
Metzger, Lawrence and Edna, Trotwood, Ohio, 53
Milligan, Mr. and Mrs. Everett, Kokomo, Ind., 56
Neil, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel, Norristown, Pa., 65
Ressor, Mr. and Mrs. Hoffer, Brethren Village, Pa., 61
Reinhold, F. Lewis and Ruth, Lebanon, Pa., 60
Scrogum, Arthur and Marie, La Verne, Calif., 60
Steiner, Mr. and Mrs. John, Kokomo, Ind., 55
Tosten, Russell and Maude, Shippensburg, Pa., 60
Weber, Clarence and Elizabeth, Dallas Center, Iowa, 72
Wareham, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin, Roaring Spring, Pa., 58
Witmer, Mr. and Mrs. Marlin, Mount Joy, Pa., 52

Deaths

Albright, Bernice, 81, Goshen, Ind., Feb. 20, 1981
Aldinger, Ezra, 74, Hershey, Pa., June 26, 1981
Andrews, Mabel, 72, Wymore, Neb., July 7, 1981
Bail, Gurney, 94, Arcadia, Fla., June 22, 1981
Bender, Harper, 71, Lanark, Ill., Oct. 26, 1979
Bowman, Katherine, 76, Cordova, Md., June 16, 1981
Bryant, George, 66, Adrian, Mich., Aug. 19, 1981
Carlile, Lula, 78, Kokomo, Ind., June 9, 1981
Christensen, Carl, 58, Lanark, Ill., Sept. 28, 1979
Clelland, Lulu, 92, Kokomo, Ind., Jan. 25, 1981
Cobbs, Harley Sr., 86, Auburn, Ind., July 29, 1981
Collings, Pauline, 61, Tampa, Fla., Aug. 7, 1981
Cook, Lois, 54, Kokomo, Ind., June 13, 1981
Cripe, Joe, 73, Daytona Beach, Fla., Dec. 27, 1980
Davis, James, 68, Covington, Ohio, Aug. 14, 1981
Davis, Stanley, 74, Lamsdale, Pa., July 23, 1981
Derr, Thelma, 67, Huntsdale, Pa., July 10, 1981
Ebersole, Mrs. Ezra, 89, Goshen, Ind., Jan. 16, 1981
Eshelman, John, 88, Mount Joy, Pa., Aug. 8, 1981
Farror, Charles, 92, El Cajon, Calif., Aug. 23, 1981
Fuller, Mona, 82, Beatrice, Neb., March 2, 1981
Garst, Bessie, 75, Bridgewater, Va., Aug. 20, 1981
Garst, Herbert, 78, Bridgewater, Va., Aug. 27, 1981
Graybill, Eva, 77, Mannheim, Pa., Aug. 16, 1981
Grimes, Lillie, 63, Union Bridge, Md., Aug. 13, 1981
Haney, Ruth, 79, Goshen, Ind., March 22, 1981
Helgevoid, Nellie, 85, Tampa, Fla., July 1, 1981
Henry, Marion, 70, Lanark, Ill., Oct. 25, 1979
Hostetler, Florence, 92, Goshen, Ind., June 13, 1981

Johnson, Irene, 84, Covington, Ohio, April 16, 1981
Kaylor, Paul, 81, Elizabethtown, Pa., Oct. 31, 1980
Keck, Clark, 64, Mount Joy, Pa., Nov. 19, 1980
Lindsay, Robert, 68, Lanark, Ill., May 8, 1979
Loughman, Delores, 46, West Milton, Ohio, July 26, 1981
McCombs, Goldie, 82, Kokomo, Ind., Jan. 3, 1981
Michael, Almeda, 87, Nappanee, Ind., April 22, 1981
Michael, Elsie, 92, Seattle, Wash., Aug. 30, 1981
Michael, Howard, 94, Seattle, Wash., Sept. 17, 1981
Miller, Elizabeth, 95, Covington, Ohio, Feb. 20, 1981
Miller, Dr. L. A., 83, North English, Iowa, Aug. 28, 1981
Morris, Caslow, 74, Mount Joy, Pa., Aug. 29, 1981
Moss, Robert, 60, Windber, Pa., Aug. 14, 1981
Myers, Franklin, 56, Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 11, 1981
Myers, Mabel, 78, Lanark, Ill., May 12, 1979
Poling, Ernest, 77, Wilmington, Del., Aug. 7, 1981
Powell, Bruce, 64, Eden, N.C., Aug. 7, 1981
Reynolds, Gary, 37, Yale, Iowa, Aug. 27, 1981
Richey, Donald, 53, Kokomo, Ind., May 25, 1981
Seiders, Steve, 21, Huntsdale, Pa., May 3, 1981
Rudy, Ruth, 68, Covington, Ohio, May 5, 1981
Smith, J. Arthur, 93, Lancaster, Pa., July 17, 1981
Spidle, Ruth, 76, Huntsdale, Pa., Aug. 31, 1981
Swinger, Mary, 73, Palestine, Ill., June 29, 1981
Weaver, Paul Sr., 71, Lanark, Ill., June 16, 1979
Williams, James II, 21, Flora, Ind., Aug. 9, 1981
Wirck, Donald, 47, Windber, Pa., June 13, 1981
Wolfe, Ellen, 90, Pine Grove, Pa., Aug. 11, 1981
Wolfe, Jennie, 32, Covington, Ohio, Feb. 15, 1981
Zechman, Rebecca, 99, Pine Grove, Pa., Sept. 3, 1981

people, pandas, peace

seeing the woman taken in adultery looking down upon our convention from her celestial home. I could feel her gratitude that 2,000 years ago she had stood before Jesus of Nazareth, and not the Brethren of Indianapolis, and so had heard Jesus say to her: "Neither do I condemn you; go and do not sin again."

That brings me to my point: The real danger to the life of our denomination is not to be found in the content of the paper on human sexuality. The real danger to our life is in our inability to accept each other where we each are on our pilgrimage of faith.

My hunch is that in 1983 we will be no closer to being able to adopt a position paper on human sexuality than we were in 1981. But that won't be important if we are able to remember that Jesus said "By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." □

Galen L. Miller of Wenatchee, Wash., is executive for Oregon-Washington District.

Jane and John Coffman

Putting people above pandas

Our impressions of China from a recent visit differ significantly from those of Patricia Kennedy Helman in her column, *Pilgrim's Pen* (July). We shared Pat Helman's delight in China as tourists; we differ from her in our perception of the Chinese. She "fell in love with the pandas"; we came away loving the people.

It is true that almost all Chinese live in poverty by American standards, but their yoke is made easy by the tremendous progress they have made since liberation in 1949 and by the sense of sharing that pervades every aspect of Chinese life. Their spirit of community is akin to that of the early Christians. It was present in the USA in pioneer days but has largely disappeared by now. In our opinion, China is the most egalitarian society on earth today and its people know and appreciate this fact.

The Chinese are *not* living under the directive suggested by Helman, "Men and women and children can live by bread

alone." We were on an educators' tour and found that education has a high priority with the Chinese. They are avid readers, as evidenced by the long lines at book stores. Students who greeted us on the streets wanted to practice their English, and the hotel elevator boy always had his nose in a book. Furthermore, the government encourages the people to enjoy their rich cultural heritage: the temples, museums, parks, Great Wall, ancient tombs, and palaces.

Perhaps most disturbing is Helman's implication of a lack of spiritual concern on the part of the Chinese. Fifty years ago our uncle, Carl Coffman, a Brethren medical missionary in China, came to appreciate the spiritual truth in oriental philosophy and religion and recognized that God works in the world in many ways. God's influence may be seen in the tremendous leap forward in the status of Chinese women. (According to Mao, "Women hold up half the sky.") It is evidenced in the unmatched love and care that the Chinese have for their old people. It shows, too, in the almost total absence of crime. God's grace is most evident in the beauty, health, buoyant spirit, and optimism of the young people.

The Chinese want to be our friends for many reasons and we should welcome the opportunity. Good friends share spiritual experiences and beliefs. In such sharing, we Christians must avoid dogmatism and fundamentalism, and look instead for common spiritual truth. Jesus is the name above all names to us, but the revelation of God to the people of earth did not begin and end with Jesus. □

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Ronald D. LeCount

Turn the swords into plowshares

A quarter of a century ago Melvin Laird, President Eisenhower's Secretary of Defense said, "The worst thing that could happen is for the nation to go on a defense spending binge that will create economic havoc at home and confusion abroad and that cannot be wisely dealt

with by the Pentagon" (*Washington Spectator*, September 15, 1981).

From the appearance of things, President Reagan seems to be on a "defense spending binge." He has cut the federal budget everywhere but in the defense sector. Over the next five years President Reagan wants to increase military spending \$181 billion for a total military budget by 1986 of \$1.6 trillion.

According to Seymour Milman, an economist who writes for *The New York Times*, "In 1977, for every \$100 spent on new production in industry, \$46 was spent on the military. In Japan, which has surpassed the US in industrial production, only \$3.70 was spent for the military." Can increasing military spending relieve the problems of inflation and is it necessary for national security?

My common sense tells me that if you

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Depression often seek financial security. With all of us there is a certain loss of value because we learn not to value ourselves too highly and to value others even less. Perhaps there is even a loss of God. You are not sure if you lost God in some rice paddy during a fire fight or whether he gave up on you in despair and sadness. In either case, there is often an alienation that has never been restored. There is a certain sense of meaninglessness and senselessness for life because you found that for several years life was without sense and meaning. There is an anger; anger at yourself, your country and all other men. An anger that is sometimes expressed in violence or in self-destructive acts.

There are many mixed emotions, even today, that are illicit to totally unrelated events. Last January our country united in joy and celebration when 55 American hostages were released from Iran. Their homecoming was heralded as heroic and it unified a nation together. Many of us remember *our* homecoming where, at best, our families and friends simply wanted to forget about what happened and not talk about it, nor share in our pain and sorrow. Even worse, there are those who were spat upon, cursed, laughed at and jeered or rejected as being

immoral warmongers. There was no heroes' welcome; not that any of us expected one, but it would have been nice if we had found some recognition and understanding.

Many of us are reluctant to talk about the specific experiences while others of us are attracted to remembering the adventure. A lot of us have locked out the pain, while others live it every day. We look back on Vietnam with very mixed emotions; fear and anger, love and hate, doubt and self-ridicule and a confusion of not knowing really where we are going or even maybe where we have been. All the time there is a dull, burning, aching pain in our hearts for our own experiences and for the experiences of our brothers and friends. There is an attempt to try and sort out all the confusion and try to make some sense out of it until we understand that there is *no* sense to be made out of it.

What happened was insanity; an insanity that still lives in our hearts, minds and souls, an insanity that can only be conquered by compassion, love and understanding. □

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Licensing/ Ordination

Ford, Charles Wesley licensed
 October 13, 1981, Hawthorne, Southeastern
Hilton, Donald Harold licensed
 October 13, 1981, Hawthorne, Southeastern
Lockett, Larry licensed
 January 4, 1981, Parkview, Middle Pennsylvania
Rowland, Curtis licensed August
 23, 1981, Spring Run, Middle Pennsylvania

Pastoral Placements

Earhart, Robert, from Secular
 to Pasadena, Pacific South-
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Edwards, John, from other de-
 nomination, to Pittsburg,
 Southern Ohio
Fletcher, Shane, to Briery
 Branch, Shenandoah,
 10/1/81-4/1/82 interim
Hall, James, from Brothers-
 valley, Western Pennsylvania,
 to West Goshen, North-
 ern Indiana

Hostetler, Tom Richard, from
 Lone Star, Western Plains, to
 Dallas Center, N. Plains
Keiper, John, from Bedford,
 Middle Pennsylvania, to
 Lorida, Florida/Puerto Rico
Wingate, Steven, from other
 denomination, to Maple
 Grove, West Marva

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Garber, Sam and Esther,
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Griffith, Floyd and Dolly,
 Enid, Okla., 56
Harshbarger, Albert and Olive,
 North Manchester, Ind., 50
Henry, Dr. and Mrs. Tobias,
 Martinsburg, Pa., 58
Hollinger, Abel and Ada,
 Lebanon, Pa., 62
Holsinger, Drs. Paul and Helen,
 Martinsburg, Pa., 55

Kagarise, Mr. and Mrs. I.
Harvey, Martinsburg, Pa., 55
Miller, Mr. and Mrs. N. Ray,
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Miller, Nina and Levi, Sebring,
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Shafer, Oren and Mildred,
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Sines, Rev. and Mrs. Jonas,
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Stern, Mr. and Mrs. Luke,
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Wareham, Mr. and Mrs. Paul,
 Martinsburg, Pa., 51
Weller, Irving and Esther,
 Continental, Ohio, 50
Wise, John and Orpha, Dallas
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 Joy, Pa., Aug. 24, 1981
Bowman, Lottie, 92, Hanover,
 Pa., Oct. 6, 1981
Brandt, Ira, 80, Mount Joy,
 Pa., Sept. 14, 1981
Breneman, Ada, 98, Mount Joy,
 Pa., May 26, 1981
Cable, Amos, 74, Cerro Gordo,
 Ill., May 24, 1981
Caslow, R. Morris, 74, Mount

Joy, Pa., Aug. 29, 1981
Cripe, Vernon, 69, Cerro
 Gordo, Ill., Sept. 8, 1980
Deardorff, Anna M., 74,
 Chambersburg, Pa., Sept. 2,
 1981
Evans, Lester, 77, Scherr, W.
 Va., Nov. 16, 1980
Fellers, Lottie, 92, Green-
 ville, Ohio, May 27, 1981
Forshey, Amber D., 8 months,
 Martinsburg, Pa., July 9, 1981
Gibson, Minnie, 81, Boones
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Grove, Marie, 75, Cerro Gordo,
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Heckman, Galen Sr., 77, Cerro
 Gordo, Ill., Aug. 29, 1980
Hornbaker, Blanche, 87,
 Chambersburg, Pa., Sept. 12,
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Huff, Harry, 76, Cerro Gordo,
 Ill., Sept. 1, 1980
Kiryluk, Chester, 59, Green-
 ville, Ohio, March 8, 1981
Liskey, Wilbur Isaac, 78,
 Fresno, Calif., May 15, 1981
Marsh, Gary, 31, Frostburg,
 Md., Feb. 18, 1981
McCurdy, Allen, 95, Harris-
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Miller, Jerry, 33, Spring Grove,

Pa., July 21, 1981
Montgomery, Ida Mae, 95,
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Myers, Miriam, 81, Goshen,
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 Pa., Sept. 15, 1981
Nicodemus, Carrie, 83, Martins-
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Phares, Boyd, 88, Elkins, W.
 Va., Dec. 15, 1980
Sanders, Henry, 87, New Mil-
 ton, W. Va., July 18, 1981
Sanders, J. L., Morgantown, W.
 Va., Oct. 12, 1980
Slesser, M. Lena, 26, Mount
 Joy, Pa., Sept. 18, 1981
Smith, Earl, 61, Manchester,
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Stover, J. Emmert, 83, Prior-
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Strawser, Clara, 90, Arcanum,
 Ohio, Sept. 4, 1981
Wagner, William, 93, Cerro
 Gordo, Ill., Oct. 31, 1980
Walters, Ellis C., 96, Seattle,
 Wash., June 3, 1981
Williamson, Dollie, 92, Bridge-
 water, Va., Aug. 31, 1981
Young, M. Elizabeth, 83, North
 Manchester, Ind., Aug. 17,
 1981

Can God straddle the fence?

The National Council of Churches recently celebrated its 30th anniversary. Not everyone was celebrating. Outside the kickoff plenary of the "Ecumenical Event," a group of Carl McIntire's followers carried placards: Some said, "NCC is Marxist" and "God is not Marx"; other signs denounced the upcoming NCC nonsexist lectionary.

During my five days in Cleveland I heard many references to the religious right. Some of the comments were made with chuckles. For instance, several of the Governing Board members who had recently returned from El Salvador told us that their hotel was located a little beyond a cemetery called "The Resurrection." They took great delight in saying to the taxicab drivers, "Turn left at the Resurrection." Other references to the religious right were bitter diatribes. More than one speaker lashed out against the electronic church and similar conservatives, calling them dangerous and arrogant.

As we debated policy and made decisions in the Governing Board meetings, I pondered this puzzle of left versus right within the supposed one body of Christ. Like just about everyone else, I wonder how it can be that we as Christians end up so distant despite our common belief. And in the midst of wondering how God can straddle the fence, I thought of something that C. S. Lewis said: "Is it possible to ask God a question he can't answer? Of course it is. Is yellow square or round? God can't answer a nonsense question. Probably half our theological questions are nonsense questions."

Now of course I don't think it's nonsensical to

ask whether we should disarm or whether we should sell AWACs. But might it be that God is not quite so concerned as we are as to whether we're right or left of center? Perhaps God sees one narrow road threading its way across a wasteland—and two groups of travelers squabbling over which side of the road they should walk on. We talk open-mindedness toward homosexuals, the Third World, those of different religions—toward everyone except other Christians.

With the urgent tasks we have to do, can we afford to waste energy trading insults? There's a world out there that desperately needs help. In the words of a song by Sister Miriam Therese Winter of the Medical Mission Sisters, "There's danger at the door, poverty aplenty, hearts gone wild with war." If we can't all agree on what needs doing, let's plunge ahead alone. We're not accountable to another side of Christendom.

And besides, much as I chafe at the style of some members of the Christian community, I am glad they're there. I'm glad that we don't all think the same. I would worry if we did. Where there's controversy there's a growing edge. And I heartily affirm the right of my sister or brother in Christ to worship in a different style, to speak up, to lobby in Congress, to appear in the media, and, yes, even to attack what I have to say. I believe that it's possible to be one in Christ and be worlds apart in everything else.

Thank God we're allowed to be that. —W.S.C.

I feel pastors and congregations have not been diligent in issues of accountability—pastors to congregations, vice versa, and both to God. Consequently I found the concept of minister—"servant"—getting distorted, i.e., regarding the pastor as the minister-servant of the people (at their bidding), rather than with people a servant of God. The unspoken reasoning I sensed runs something like: "With an authentic set-aside professional man of the cloth in our midst duly hired according to denominational standards, who needs us part-time amateurs?"

When I left the full-time pastorate, I was ill-prepared to handle the comments from some parishioners and friends, such as, "Sorry to see you leave the ministry." Upon my return to graduate school in 1962 it was my purpose to expand my ministry by developing new understanding and skills. It was farthest from my intention to "leave the ministry." It was my hope to develop a base of financial self-support to relieve my feeling of being dependent upon and "owned" by the congregation I served.

In this changed role I have felt a lack of clarity on the part of local congregations in the Church of the Brethren as to the place and function of "former pastors" (sometimes referred to as a "former minister") in the life and ministry of the congregation. Are they to be ignored, treated as "laity," lay-ministers, or "spares" in case of absence or disability of the pastor? Or, may they be regarded as self-supported members of the team, and incorporated into the functional ministry in that congregation? In each of the three full-time parishes I served there were former pastors. Now, having been on both sides of that situation, I feel that issue has not been dealt with in a straightforward manner in localities in which the self-supported ministry is foreign or forgotten.

My social work practice over the years has involved treating ministers suffering from parish frustrations, life uncertainties, and losses connected with family, aging, and retirement. I have been asked to perform religious functions in this supposedly "secular" hospital setting. I, by request of the hospital chaplain in charge of clinical

pastoral training, have supervised two Roman Catholic interns—one a priest on a seminary faculty, and one a female lay-minister in a Denver parish. I have been able to confront people's confusion and illness related to "bad" theology, and have been able to speak with confidence about what I believe to be the nature and expectation of God.

But, because some of these functions seem more closely associated with church people and what "real" ministers traditionally do, does that make them more legitimate ministries than other social work functions that have no religious marks of identification? I think not.

Ordination is neither necessary nor relevant to my work in this "secular" setting. But a commitment to ministry is, for me. My seminary education and pastoral experience have enhanced my present work as a social worker, and I feel my social work skills enhance my ministry through the church. □

Dean Farringer is a psychiatric social worker at Fort Logan Mental Health Center in Denver, Colo., and a member of Denver's Prince of Peace congregation.

turning points

Licensing/Ordination

Duggett, Kevin Wayne, licensed Dec. 13, 1981, Bridgewater, Shenandoah
Gohn, Greg, licensed Dec. 13, 1981, County Line, Western Pennsylvania
Matta, Ricky Eugene, licensed Dec. 2, 1981, Jackson Park, Southeastern
Mook, Dean, ordained Nov. 29, 1981, Trinity, Sidney, Southern Ohio
Nell, Allen L., licensed Dec. 13, 1981, Upper Conewago, Southern Pennsylvania

Pastoral Placements

Bowman, David Lee, from leave of absence, to Chimney Run, Shenandoah
Deeter, Joan G., to West Manchester, South/Central Indiana
Glick, Larry, from secular to Valley Bethel, Shenandoah
Guzman, Fabricio, from Placement, to South Bend, City, Northern Indiana
Ludwick, G. Daniel, to Shiloh/Mount Zion, West Marva
Smith, Beverly A., from Mountain Valley, Southeastern, to Jackson Park, Southeastern

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Castle, Aleta Marie, 82, Dixon, Ill., Dec. 3, 1981
Cripe, Robert, 65, Fullerton, Calif., Sept. 16, 1981
Dammann, William, 80, Grants Pass, Ore., Sept. 1981
Davis, Evelyn, 71, Elizabethtown, Pa., Dec. 31, 1981
Daywalt, Ruth, 81, Peru, Ind., Oct. 21, 1981
Diehl, Herman, 94, Mount Crawford, Va., Dec. 11, 1981
Dinterman, Mary, 61, Waynesboro, Pa., Dec. 29, 1981
Ditmer, Donald, 47, Pittsburg, Ohio, Dec. 9, 1981
Elliott, Concordia, 90, Peru, Ind., Nov. 7, 1981
Erwin, Edna M., 91, Sidney, Ohio, Dec. 25, 1981
Eshelmann, Pearl, 76, Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 21, 1981
Fisher, Bertha, 96, Goshen, Ind., Jan. 10, 1982
Fogle, Paul, 50, Berlin, Pa., July 16, 1981
Foster, Galen Henry, 66, Bridgewater, Va., July 15, 1981
Gerber, Paul, 67, Elizabethtown, Pa., Dec. 20, 1981

Hawbaker, Kathryn, 12, Chambersburg, Pa., Dec. 10, 1981
Heurie, Judith Ann, 41, Waynesboro, Pa., Dec. 11, 1981
Hoff, Susie Florence, 98, Glendora, Calif., Dec. 7, 1981
Hollinger, Nellie, 88, Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 8, 1982
Kellar, Ida, 65, Berlin, Pa., May 4, 1981
Kerschensteiner, Carl, 76, Berlin, Pa., June 26, 1981
Kurtzrock, Charles, 88, Dixon, Ill., Jan. 7, 1981
Mankamer, Raymond, 73, Berlin, Pa., Dec. 31, 1981
Marcy, Mary, 90, Springfield, Ill., Nov. 26, 1981
Martin, Ada, 76, Elizabethtown, Pa., Sept. 15, 1981
McCauley, Henry, 70, McGeheysville, Va., Mar. 15, 1981
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Mull, Kathryn, 83, East Petersburg, Pa., Jan. 6, 1982
Myers, Elaine, 73, Dixon, Ill., April 14, 1981
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Sanger, Roland, 72, Easton, Md., Nov. 24, 1981
Schaeffer, Joseph, 69, Chambersburg, Pa., Dec. 12, 1981

Schickendantz, Effie, 81, Peru, Ind., May 6, 1981
Seaman, Henry, 71, Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 12, 1981
Silvas, Mrs. Frank, 81, Navarre, Kan., Dec. 7, 1981
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Turner, Lois Kathleen, 67, Bridgewater, Va., Feb. 28, 1981
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Wampole, William, 70, North Wales, Pa., Dec. 1, 1981
Watkins, Clara, 82, Welda, Kan., Oct. 25, 1981
Webber, Nora, 84, Neffsville, Pa., Dec. 2, 1981
Wenger, Paul, 80, Leola, Pa., Nov. 24, 1981
White, Verdi, 71, Alta Loma, Calif., Jan. 4, 1982
Wise, Celesta, 82, Pensacola, Fla., Nov. 26, 1981
Working, Hammond, 79, Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 25, 1981
Wyatt, Edith, 95, Moberly, Mo., Nov. 20, 1981

Raiders of a lost ark

The land my father bought in 1947 had given up any pretense of being viable farm land and resigned itself to bleak broomstraw fields cut by red gullies and studded with pine bushes. The garden area, robbed of its topsoil, was sterile and stoney. Small wonder that Daddy's term for hoeing was "rattling the steel."

By the end of Daddy's life 32 years later, the land was the choicest along our road. Plump Charolais and Simmental cows grazed hip deep in lush orchard grass. Two garden plots, alternately tilled and left fallow, their soils supplemented with sawdust and cow manure, yielded bountiful harvests. Apple, peach, and cherry trees stocked the farm and their grafted offspring were sought by friends and neighbors. Mother's flowerbeds, scattered about the yard and tucked around the weathered farm buildings, perfected the picture of nature's bounty.

Daddy believed you ought to leave the land better than you found it. I remember him scoring a relative noted for begging fruit and vegetables from kinfolks far and wide: "Can you believe, in all these years he's never planted even one fruit tree?"

Says the Psalmist, "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." Reverence for creation, acknowledgment of the God who "founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers," and a commitment to share it lovingly with all "those who dwell therein" are at the heart of Christian stewardship.

Strange how the more "primitive" a culture is, the more likely its people are to be good stewards of creation, while the cultures with the most knowledge and technology at their fingertips are the worst wasters and pillagers of their environment. The western nations today treat Space-ship Earth like a lost ark loaded with God's creation, adrift on an uncertain sea. They need-

lessly raid its cargo, which can never be renewed.

Human greed, and forgetfulness of God's children in other lands who deserve to live as rich a life as we, lie at the heart of political and economic crises that bedevil us all today. I have lived or traveled in a lot of nooks and crannies around the world, and Americans prove by far to be the most ignorant of how they fit into God's creation.

Moses told his people, "Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God." For the Hebrew community, to forget would mean living as though possessions and plans were all important. To forget would involve putting self at the center of the universe and pushing God out to the edges of life. To recollect, to remember, meant organizing one's life around a sacred memory of a creation done by God and entrusted to humanity to care for.

As Brethren pastor Tim Jones writes, "Creation is ours to use, God's to own; ours to enjoy, but even more to employ. Possessions are not to be seized or idolized or hoarded, but instead graciously accepted and reverently used. Said Moses to his people, 'You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hand have produced this wealth for me," but remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives.'

"The earth's abundance is a gift to be received, often shared, but not a badge we earn by our cleverness. The God who rules and orders the creation and entrusts its bounty into our hands has purposes that reach beyond our limited desires or nearsighted plans. That is why it is important to remember."

The ark imagery reminds us that after his adventure ended, Noah planted a vineyard. When our term of stewardship of creation is over, will we have "never planted even one fruit tree"? —K.T.

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Bates, Karen, Indianapolis, Ind., to National Farm Worker Ministry, Salinas, Calif.
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Carr, James, Mount Joy, Pa., to John M. Reed Home, Limestone, Tenn.

Duffey, Jill, Hagerstown, Md., to Prince of Peace Child Care Center, Denver, Colo.

Fleiss, Damon, Ridgerville, Ind., to Shankill Team Ministry, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Flory, Teresa, Timberville, Va., to The Solid Rock, Brigham City, Utah

Bornet, Myron, Front Royal, Va., to Teen Challenge Training Center, Rehoboth, Pa.

Hylton, Lisa, Richmond, Ind., to The Palms, Sebring, Fla.

Jarrell, Carla, Harrisonburg, Va., to Insights Project, Portland, Ore.

Jennings, Joseph, Long Beach, Calif., to World Friendship Center, Hiroshima, Japan

Jennings, Virginia, Long Beach, Calif., to World Friendship Center, Hiroshima, Japan

Jennikens, Gerik, Netherlands, to Betterway, Inc., Elyria, Ohio

Johnson, Suzanne, Sweden, to Lend-a-Hand, Walker, Ky.

Ladwick, Kathleen, Doylestown, Ohio, to Washington City Church of the Brethren, Washington, D.C.

Mabe, Robert, Hillville, Va., to Lend-A-Hand, Walker, Ky.

Martin, Neal, Perrysburg, Ohio, to United Campus Christian Foundation, Normal, Ill.

McAllister, LaDeana, Wichita, Kan., to L'Arche Community-La Merci, Jarnac, France

Nelson, Ronnie, Tonasket, Wash., to Camp Koinonia, Clatsop, Wash.

Nelson, Gayle, Tonasket, Wash., to Camp Koinonia, Clatsop, Wash.

Powell, Karen, McFarland, Calif., to Washington City Church of the Brethren, Washington, D.C.

Pryor, Jean, Hagerstown, Md., to Monroe County United Ministries, Bloomington, Ill.

Rascher, Michael, Pierceton, Ind., to Camp Bethel, Fincastle, Va.

Smith, Rhonda, Live Oak, Calif., to Helping Hand Day Care Center, Fredericksburg, Pa.

Yoka, Gregory, Elgin, Ill., to Near Eastside Multi-Service Center, Indianapolis, Ind.

157th BVS Orientation Unit

(Orientation completed Oct. 3, 1982)

Abdoo, Farahat, Samalout, Egypt, to Monroe County United Ministries, Bloomington, Ind.

Ayala, Paulina, San Jose, Costa Rica, to Friendship Day Care Center, Hutchinson, Kan.

Bell, Sandra, New York, N.Y., to National Coalition on TV Violence, Washington, D.C.

Bloesch, Judd, Millersville, Pa., to MESSENGER, Church of the Brethren General Offices, Elgin, Ill.

Bollinger, Sue, Hanover, Pa., to Norborne Day Care Center, Martinsburg, W.V.

Brunswick, Trent, Harrisonburg, Va., to Christian Community Action, New Haven, Conn.

Capp, Beverly, Orrville, Ohio, to Hoyleton Children's Home, Hoyleton, Ill.

DeLallo, Bernadette, Bethel Park, Pa., to ARC Retreat Community, Stauchfield, Minn.

Elesbette, Debra, Wilmington, Del., to Monroe County Ministries, Bloomington, Ind.

Elesberger, Lynn, Shelocta, Pa., to New Windsor Service Center, New Windsor, Md.

Flanagan, John, Warsaw, Ind., to Brethren/Polish agricultural exchange, Poland

Gilbert, Julia, Bradenton, Fla., to Plovershare Peace Center, Rosolite, Va.

Grace, Doris, York, Pa., to Committee to Abolish Prison Slavery, Washington, D.C.

Grashaw, Frank, Berkeley, Calif., to Center for Human Development, Jackson, Miss.

Haldeman, Scott, Mannheim, Pa., to Hoyleton Children's Home, Hoyleton, Ill.

Heister, Brenda, Hershey, Pa., to Friendship House Day Care, Hatfield, Pa.

Hauber, Barbara, Coonstoga, Pa., to Mid-Iowa Community Action, Marshalltown, Iowa

Hess, Jane, N. Manchester, Ind., to Center on Law and Pacifism, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Hess, Jeff, N. Manchester, Ind., to Center on Law and Pacifism, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Irie, Lisa, Warrensburg, Mo., to Iowa Peace Network, Des Moines, Iowa

Israel, Magda Nagib, Samalout, Egypt, to Monroe County United Ministries, Bloomington, Ind.

Kraft, Lothar, Plossberg, Germany, to Kindred House, Des Moines, Iowa

Malley, Brian, Berwyn, Pa., to Brethren/Polish agricultural exchange, Poland

Passopet, Peter, Marlborough, Mass., to be assigned later

Scheidt, René, Muenich, West Germany, to Dundalk Youth Service Center, Baltimore, Md.

Sellers, Kelly, Neville, Pa., to Friendship Day Care Center, Hutchinson, Kan.

Shannon, Glen, Omaha, Neb., to New Windsor Service Center, New Windsor, Md.

Swamp, Sandra, Cushing, Okla., to UPMI Services, Denver, Colo.

Swartz, Lisa, Pleasant Hill, Ohio, to Shagbarns Valley Women in Transition, Lewisburg, Pa.

Timberlake, Julia, Michigan City, Ind., to Pleasant View, Farm, Bristol, N.H.

Vance, Valerie, New Paris, Ind., to Brethren Village, Lancaster, Pa.

Wagner, Gwenida, Gettysburg, Pa., to Open Sesame Child Care Center, Dixon, Ill.

Zurawski, Michelle, Warsaw, Ind., to Brethren/Polish agricultural exchange, Poland

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Licensing/ Ordination

Beevor, Barbara Ellen, licensed September 11, 1982, Sunfield, Michigan

Gibbs, Clay R., licensed September 11, 1982, Zion, Michigan

Glick, Larry Wayne, licensed June 9, 1982, Harrisonburg, Shenandoah

Goley, Kenneth W., ordained September 11, 1982, Dayton Plains, Michigan

Hosettier, Julie Mader, ordained September 12, 1982, Dayton Mack Memorial,

Southern Ohio
Kostelny, William Charles, licensed September 12, 1982, Florence, Northern Indiana
Nisary, Paul Rame, ordained September 19, 1982, New Hope, South/Central Indiana

Pastoral Placements

Ford, Charles W., to Melvin Hill, Southeastern

Gibbs, Pat, from other denomination, to New Haven, Michigan, interim part-time

Kain, Howard, from retirement, to Rice Lake, Illinois/Wisconsin

Moore, Ray, from secular, to Paradise, Pacific Southwest

O'Donnell, Eva Sue, from Brethren Home chaplaincy/Long Beach visitation, Pacific Southwest, to Baltimore Dundalk, Mid-Atlantic

Shannon, David, continuing student at Bethany, to Oak Grove, Illinois/Wisconsin, part-time

Simmons, Keith, to Poplar Grove, Southern Ohio

Strobel, Chester, from other denomination, to Navarre joined with American Baptists, Western Plains

Wise, J. C., from Pottstown, Atlantic Northeast, to Sun Valley-Birmingham, Southeastern

Witkowski, Lowell H., from Good Shepherd, Mid-Atlantic, to Detroit Trinity, Michigan

Zirk, William, from secular, to Valley Pike, Shenandoah, interim

Zuercher, Tam, from other denomination, to Mount Pleasant, Northern Ohio

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Wampler, David and Betty, Bridgewater, Va., 50

Wesley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Hagerstown, Md., 57

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Balmer, Jesse G., 52, Little, Pa., Aug. 30, 1982

Bennett, Florence, 80, Ridgeley, W.Va., Jan. 18, 1982

Bratcher, Kathryn, 83, New Oxford, Pa., Oct. 7, 1982

Brambaugh, Wilfred M., 78, Curryville, Pa., Sept. 23, 1982

Christler, Addie, 87, Goschen, Ind., June 5, 1982

Fitz, Lena, 89, Morgantown, W.Va., Aug. 15, 1982

Foster, Claude E., 78, Flora, Ind., Oct. 5, 1982

George, Frieda, 66, Goschen, Ind., Sept. 5, 1982

Gilbert, Marie, 53, Stanley, Wis., Sept. 15, 1982

Hall, Lena, 91, Fostoria, Ohio, Sept. 11, 1982

Hess, Vernon, 66, Goschen, Ind., July 25, 1982

Hoff, Susie, 98, City of Industry, Calif., Dec. 7, 1981

Hoffinger, A. Elizabeth, 74, Harrisonburg, Pa., Sept. 29, 1982

Holtzman, Perle, 89, Cumberland, Md., July 11, 1982

Hornish, Edith P., 62, Defiance, Ohio, Sept. 12, 1982

Jones, Donald C., 77, Fairfield, Iowa, July 24, 1982

Kershner, Franklin, 80, Hagerstown, Md., July 24, 1982

Kirby, Raymond, 83, Greenville, Ohio, Oct. 10, 1982

Long, Edith, 88, Hagerstown, Md., July 22, 1982

Martin, Sue, 21, Hagerstown, Md., Aug. 10, 1982

Metcalfe, Myrtle T., 74, Eldon, Iowa, Sept. 13, 1982

Morris, William H., 66, Harrisonburg, Pa., Sept. 16, 1982

Ogden, Nellie G., 81, Wayland, Iowa, Sept. 22, 1982

Park, Olive E., 82, Warrensburg, Mo., Oct. 16, 1982

Rhee, Elizabeth, 72, Cumberland, Md., July 24, 1982

Ridgely, Carrie K., 52, Walnut, Iowa, Sept. 28, 1982

Ellenhouse, John Howard, 67, Defiance, Ohio, July 24, 1982

Rabinette, Grace, 78, Cumberland, Md., Aug. 17, 1982

Samuels, Edgar P., 82, Hagerstown, Md., July 12, 1982

Sommesburg, Bud, 72, Cumberland, Md., Aug. 3, 1982

Shelton, Best, 83, Pocomoke, Ohio, Sept. 12, 1982

Shrock, Laird, 81, Goschen, Ind., May 18, 1982

Tattle, Sadie E., 79, Garrett, Ind., Oct. 7, 1982

Wenger, Earl H., 51, Lancaster, Pa., Aug. 28, 1982

Wetzel, Jasper, 86, Greenville, Ohio, Sept. 5, 1982

Williams, Catherine, 64, Cumberland, Md., Aug. 28, 1982

Wolfe, Russell, 88, Hagerstown, Md., Sept. 25, 1982

Zirkle, Ora, 52, Middletown, Ind., Sept. 28, 1982

O pioneers!

A couple of years ago I wrote an editorial titled, "Don't Put the Wagons in a Circle Yet." The burden of its message was, "Membership numbers are not overridingly important. A church our size can be effective. Even losing a little deadwood wouldn't hurt us."

After saying that, I concluded: "On the other hand, I would applaud a Church of the Brethren so revitalized that its gospel message cut wide swathes across fields of converts white unto harvest."

I haven't changed my opinion since I wrote that editorial. What *has* changed has been the outlook for growth in the Church of the Brethren. Things are beginning to happen. The goal of the denomination to have 15 new congregations by the end of 1984 is well on its way to being realized . . . as this MESSENGER's cluster of articles on new church development attests.

Like Jim Lehman (see page 14, "A Church in the Mind of God"), I get uneasy "talking too much about the will of God." Yet not only in the new church at Blacksburg, Va., but throughout the denomination, I perceive something happening that suggests to me that God has taken our idea and seems bent on making something bigger out of it than perhaps we intended.

The way new churches are cropping up is phenomenal—11 actual congregations and far more than enough other projects developing to meet the 1984 goal. And the variety of ways they have gotten started, and the variety of people in-

involved! What if we had sat down and written out a scenario for all this? Would we have had any credibility if we had tried to sell the denomination on a proposal that called for, among other "bizarre" ideas, new churches that specified the inclusion of congregations of Koreans, Puerto Ricans, blacks, Hispanics, Cambodians . . . even "un-Brethren" New Englanders? Could we have devised a believable plan that envisioned the roles that the Sadie Kreiders, Kwang Suk Kims, Chhan Ins, Jaime Riveras, Don Leiters, and Mervin Kellers are playing? Who but the Almighty could get away with such a crazy-quilt pattern of new churches and new Brethren?

In my Nigeria days I came across an old missionary who used to sum up just about every happening, large and small, with this laconic remark, "Well, that's the way the Lord works sometimes." The unorthodox patterns and directions of new growth in the Church of the Brethren certainly serve for me as an example of "the way the Lord works" . . . this time. Great things are happening out there on the frontier.

But don't get me wrong. I stick to what I said in that editorial two years ago: I can applaud a Church of the Brethren beginning to be "revitalized." Only, I'd say now, "Don't put the wagons in a circle," but get them into line and head the caravan on down the trail . . . like the daring pioneers you should be."—K.T.

did not participate. Since the removal of all reverence for God, we have alcohol, drugs, violence, and sex in the schools, and they are graduating adults with no skills and who cannot read and write.

I believe the First Amendment guaranteed our religious liberty, until the courts began to take it away in favor of humanistic secularism. Everyone has rights—blacks, women, homosexuals, social activists . . . everyone except evangelical Christians.

With the ACLU using the courts to chip away our religious freedoms, one by one, we should be standing up for the recognition that God was the power behind the first settlers (except a few exploiters). He was the power behind the start of the schools, universities, hospitals, and all that is good in our society, and even in the power of a government that started out to be just and fair to all mankind.

Finally, I agree that we have freedom in

our faith, even though the faith has been censored out of our educational system and our government. But I would feel much better if the Church of the Brethren legislative representative in our capital would use his influence in Washington to help the Christian cause, rather than that of the humanists, and that he would use all the facts instead of writing such a biased article. □

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Licensing/ Ordination

Aametz, Larry, licensed Oct. 10, 1982, Coulson, Virginia
Angel, Bobby, licensed Oct. 1982, Bethlehem, Virginia
Barton, John, relicensed Oct. 3, 1982, Green Hill, Virginia
Belcher, Robert Melvin, ordained Aug. 6, 1982, Carthage, Southern Missouri/Arkansas
Bowman, Norma, licensed Feb. 28, 1982, New Enterprise, Middle Pennsylvania
Chesney, Robert, licensed Feb. 14, 1982, Burnham, Middle Pennsylvania
Coffman, Eldon H., licensed Aug. 6, 1982, Cabool, Southern Missouri/Arkansas
Davis, Clarence Raymond Jr., ordained Nov. 4, 1982, Pocahontas, Shenandoah
DeMaury, Andrew, licensed Oct. 16, 1982, Roanoke Williamson Road, Virginia
Dolan, Kenneth, ordained Sept. 11, 1982, Markleysburg, Western Pennsylvania
Durr, Stephen George, ordained Nov. 21, 1982, LaVale, West Marva
Earlenbaugh, Donald G., United Methodist ordination received March 6, 1982, Owl Creek, Northern Ohio
Gebay, Kenneth, Southern Baptist ordination received Sept. 11, 1982, Drayton Plains, Michigan
Griffith, Charles R., ordained Sept. 11, 1982, Erwin, Southeastern
Griffith, Jim, ordained Oct. 16, 1982, Erwin, Southeastern
Harmon, J. D., licensed Oct. 16, 1982, Bassett, Virginia
Keegan, Gerald, ordained Oct. 16, 1982, Danville, Emmanuel, Virginia
Kipp, John S., ordained Aug. 7, 1982, Mount Olivet, Southern Pennsylvania
Koch, Richard, licensed Nov. 6, 1982, Springfield Good Shepherd, Southern Missouri/Arkansas
Koeber, Judith Ann, ordained June 6, 1982, Bedford, Middle Pennsylvania
Leung, Dean M., ordained Nov. 14, 1982, Schuylkill, Atlantic Northeast
McFarland, Thomas, ordained earlier 1982, Oak Vale, Virginia
Naff, David A. Jr., ordained Nov. 21, 1982, Astoria, Illinois/Wisconsin
Norris, Robert Raymond, licensed Oct. 10, 1982, Bethel House (Yellow Creek), Middle Pennsylvania
Preston, Thomas William, ordained Nov. 14, 1982, Romney, West Marva
Richardson, Lonnie L., Associate Reformed Presbyterian ordination received July 10, 1982, Lynchburg, Virginia
Row, Michael David, licensed Aug. 6, 1982, Springfield Good Shepherd, Southern Missouri/Arkansas
Salyards, Harry H., ordained April 25, 1982, Carson Valley, Middle Pennsylvania
Shattuck, Lois Marie, ordained Oct. 31, 1982, Ashland City, Northern Ohio
Slak, Barry D., ordained July 18, 1982, Roanoke Williamson Road, Virginia
Sollenberger (Morphew), Beth,

ordained July 5, 1981, Everett, Middle Pennsylvania
Spangler, Keith, licensed Oct. 16, 1982, Shelton, Virginia
Strawderman, Dennis G., licensed July 1, 1982, Garbert, Shenandoah
Thomas, Carl, Ashland Brethren ordination received July 9, 1981, Altoona First, Middle Pennsylvania
Tipton, Darrell, licensed Sept. 11, 1982, Brummetts Creek, Southeastern
Weidman, Barry Lee, licensed Aug. 14, 1982, East Fairview, Atlantic Northeast
Wesley, Allen C., licensed Oct. 18, 1982, Calvary, Shenandoah
Wills, Douglas, ordained Oct. 10, 1982, Roanoke Ninth St., Virginia
Winn, John Michael, ordained Aug. 6, 1982, Carthage, Southern Missouri/Arkansas
Zaercher, Thomas L., Nazarene ordination received Sept. 11, 1982, Mount Pleasant, Northern Ohio

Pastoral Placements

Boggs, Jack, from secular, to Valley Bethel, Shenandoah, part-time
Hilton, Don H., no Limestone, Southeastern, part-time
Parker, Fred J., to Rowland Creek, Southeastern, interim part-time
Quay, Clarence, from retirement, to Messiah, Missouri, interim
Strawderman, Dennis G., to Sandy Ridge Fellowship, Shenandoah, part-time

Anniversaries

Arnett, Carl and Lula, Laura, Ohio, 65
Bretz, Harvey and Hazel, Johnstown, Pa., 51
Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. William, North Liberty, Ind., 50
Faint, Dee and Eileen, Johnstown, Pa., 54
Hess, Homer and Vesta, Johnstown, Pa., 56
Lesse, Norman and Edith, New Market, Md., 57
Ressler, Harvey and Dorothy, Johnstown, Pa., 53
Rogers, Howard and Enid, Wakarusa, Ind., 50
Wade, Robert and Ruah, Cabool, Mo., 62
Williams, Andrew and Cora, Flora, Ind., 62
Witmer, Mr. and Mrs. Leo, Ashland, Ohio, 65

Deaths

Black, John Wesley, 39, Westminster, Md., Nov. 5, 1982
Bollinger, Hilda May, 77, New Paris, Ind., Nov. 16, 1982
Bowman, Enoch E., 99, Boones Mill, Va., July 5, 1982
Bright, Harriet Howard, 70, Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 1, 1982
Brubaker, Clarence E., 75, Empire, Calif., Dec. 14, 1982
Carpenter, Lewis T., 59, Lebanon, Pa., Oct. 8, 1982
Craun, Paul, 64, Bridgewater, Va., Oct. 12, 1982
Crist, Kiel H., 85, Garnett, Kan., Oct. 28, 1982
Cunningham, John T. Sr., 97, Polo, Ill., Dec. 9, 1982
Edmonson, Anna, 85, Bridgewater, Va., Nov. 9, 1982

Fritz, Bettie P., 87, Morrill, Kan., Sept. 4, 1982
Green, Virginia, 63, Union Bridge, Md., Aug. 5, 1982
Harmon, Glenn M., 75, Modesto, Calif., Dec. 10, 1982
Hilbert, Gertie Miller, 92, Bridgewater, Va., Oct. 20, 1982
Hollinger, Grace, 74, Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 30, 1982
Kauffman, Annie, 89, Leola, Pa., Oct. 9, 1982
Keith, Dorothy L., 65, Cutler, Ind., Nov. 24, 1982
Layser, Frank H., 95, Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 2, 1982
Longenecker, Bertha, 96, Pomona, Calif., Nov. 26, 1981
McCauley, Elsie, 64, Brooklyn, Iowa, Nov. 8, 1982
Meyers, Evelyn L., 66, Morrill, Kan., Sept. 23, 1982
Meyers, Samuel A., 95, Neffsville, Pa., Nov. 20, 1982
Moore, Erma L., 68, Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 17, 1982
Mowery, Grace, 83, Johnstown, Pa., Nov. 28, 1982
Nance, Alvin L., 89, Warsaw, Mo., Nov. 20, 1982
Rice, W. Hartman, 61, Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 19, 1982
Rittenhouse, Rowena, 82, Arcadia, Fla., Nov. 10, 1982
Schock, Howard L., 82, New Carlisle, Ohio, Dec. 1, 1982
Stamp, Julian S., 70, Pine Grove, Pa., Nov. 10, 1982
Walgora, Vera, 61, Johnstown, Pa., July 17, 1982
Wilkins, Maude, 91, Arlington, Va., Nov. 18, 1982
Williams, Charles M., 67, Waynesboro, Pa., Nov. 26, 1982

The gospel of the glib and glittery

I have been on record before as a critic of the "electric church." Now I feel I can really speak with authority, for I have been to church at the Crystal Cathedral.

For those of you like me, who don't go in for television preachers, and might not know what the Crystal Cathedral is, it's a multi-million-dollar glass-walled church in Garden Grove, Calif., the realized dream of Robert H. Schuller, who presides there over a 10,000-member parish and broadcasts a weekly television show.

I have to confess I wasn't as offended as I had intended to be. The service I attended had more of the feel of a congregation at worship than I had expected.

Not that I didn't have problems, beginning when I got out of the car, and saw the hordes walking briskly into church. Everyone looked so well-dressed and prosperous, and self-satisfied. I didn't see anyone going in who appeared to be burdened with a problem. All had the air of royalty or film stars arriving as the main attraction of a public event. I wondered what would happen if a crowd of shabby-looking poor people showed up there for church.

The biggest problem was Robert Schuller himself. It didn't help that he greeted us, "Good Morning," and had us shake hands and greet people around us (two practices that, for me, detract from a worship service). But these minor distractions I could forgive. I was even charitable with the saccharine soloists, who warbled inane lyrics and drew much applause (another no-no in worship for me).

No, what really offended me was Robert Schuller's message. One thing I give him credit for, his message was easy to understand, even memorable. He had four catchwords, and they summarized his sermon: *Spills*—avoid them. *Thrills*—be careful where you seek them. *Frills*—disdain them. *Skills*—develop them.

I really had problems with the "frills." "Frills, Mr. Schuller?" I asked silently as I surveyed the awful ostentatiousness of the Crystal Cathedral... even fountains that leap up in the aisle when the hymns start.

The whole sermon talked about building up your self-esteem. Try as I might, I could not hear even a whisper of gospel in Schuller's words. He talked about staying out of trouble, acquiring quality possessions, "going first class" in life. Anyone heeding that sermon would strut through life, not walk humbly with God. I wanted to call to Schuller's attention the Luke 18:10 story of the Pharisee and the tax collector ("God, I thank thee that I am not like other men"). I wanted to call to his attention a dozen other scriptures that came to mind—about humility, about giving up riches, about admitting sin, about helping one's neighbor.

I came away thinking that maybe I had just caught Schuller on an off day; maybe his mind was on the Superbowl game, tickets for which he exhibited during the service. Then I came across his new book, *Self Esteem*, and read it.

To my astonishment, I realized that what I had heard at the Crystal Cathedral was the theme song of Schuller's "New Reformation." "Christian churches, liturgies, hymns, prayers, and spiritual interpretations have been rampantly reckless in assaulting the dignity of the churches," he says. Don't make people feel guilty of sin. Butter them up. Make them feel great about themselves. Turn them into self-centered, grasping, greedy goody-goodies and then some of that sweet goodness will trickle down to less fortunate people. (If there is a "supply side" gospel, this is it.)

The thought of that kind of preaching being done by a pastor who is heard by millions of television viewers makes my blood run cold.

Schuller recently asserted that he wants to be known as something more than a glib and glittery television preacher. With the gospel he promotes, and the "frills" he tells us to disdain, but indulges in so freely himself, I don't see how he hopes to attain that "something more" image. Verily, he seems to have his reward.

At least now I understand better why they call this abomination and all the others of its ilk the "electric church." I got a terrible shock.—K.T.

true to your commitment." The new-fashioned way is to say that the love-feeling is supreme and that marriages should break up if the love-feeling dries up—"Be true to your feelings."

We need to see both as crucial to a healthy marriage. The lack of either the feeling or the commitment should be the cause for serious counseling. What the church cannot go along with, I believe, is the ease with which the love-commitment is tossed out.

Both Jesus and Paul stress the need to keep the commitment (Matthew 5:31-32; 19:3-9; Mark 10:2-12; Luke 16:18; Romans 7:1-3; 1 Corinthians 6:15-16; 7:10-15). The basic message is: You

should not be the one to initiate divorce (except, perhaps, when the other partner is being sexually unfaithful), and even if the divorce comes you should show your faithfulness to the commitment by not marrying again.

I believe that it is important for a couple saying their vows to have this commitment in mind: "This vow is of such permanence to me that I will hold to it no matter what happens, and if our marriage gets so bad that the other person breaks the commitment and seeks a divorce, I will remain faithful to that original commitment and not remarry so long as that other person lives." This is really what each person vows when vowing "... till

death do us part."

This vow makes the marriage more than just a "contract." In a contract, if the other party breaks it, the contract is null and void and you are relieved of your commitment to it. In a biblical covenant you are to hold to the covenant no matter what the other person does—thus God continues loving us even when we are unfaithful. Thus we are to love our enemies even when they persecute us.

Would that we in the Church of the Brethren might discover anew the depth of covenant love, as well as the excitement of romantic love. □

Bill Faw is pastor of the West Richmond Church of the Brethren, Richmond, Va.

turning points

Do you have information for Turning Points? For anniversaries, please give the first name of husband and wife, town and state of residence, and number of years married (50 years or more only). For deaths, give the name; town and state of residence at time of death; age; and month, day, and year of death.

Send information to MESSENGER, Turning Points, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120.

Licensing/Ordination

Dias, Manuel Armendariz, licensed Nov. 6, 1982, Bristol, Southeastern.
Ellott, Christian W., licensed Oct. 14, 1982, Parker Ford, Atlantic Northeast.
Hedinger, Donald E., licensed June 29, 1982, Mechanic Grove, Atlantic Northeast.
Main, Ricky E., ordained Dec. 19, 1982, Paint Creek, Western Plains.
Peters, Gerald D. Jr., licensed Sept. 15, 1982, Eversole, Southern Ohio.
Redekopp, Orlando H., ordained Nov. 28, 1982, Chicago First, Illinois/Wisconsin.
St. Clair, Ronald, ordained Nov. 20, 1982, Conneville, Western Pennsylvania.

Pastoral Placements

Bowman, Dale E., from Leakes Chapel, Shenandoah, to Tire Hill, Western Pennsylvania.
Gomola, John, to Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania, interim.
Jones, Glen Lee, from Burnettsville, South/Central Indiana, to Baugo, Northern Indiana.
Mosk, C. Dean, from

Boones Chapel, Virginia, to Prices Creek, Southern Ohio.
Platicher, Ordo M., from retirement, to Three Springs, Southern Pennsylvania, interim part-time.
Rapine, Thomas, from other denomination, to Penn Runn, Western Pennsylvania.
Riggold, Dan, from Methuen Seminary, to Bethany, Mid-Atlantic, part-time.
Simmons, Randall V., from secular, to Grottoes, Shenandoah, interim part-time.

Anniversaries

Albert, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, St. Petersburg, Fla., 62.
Bentz, Mr. and Mrs. Luther, St. Petersburg, Fla., 56.
Bowser, Mr. and Mrs. Sharon, Worthington, Pa., 52.
Bridenbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. G. Herbert, Martinsburg, Pa., 61.
Burket, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin R., Martinsburg, Pa., 57.
Greenleaf, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lester, Martinsburg, Pa., 53.
Holderread, Fred O. and Melda, Cushing, Okla., 70.
Jordan, Charles and Lovv, Flora, Ind., 73.
Richardson, Lloyd and Georgia, Martinsville, Va., 50.
Robbison, Clyde and Opal,

Cushing, Okla., 50.
Stultz, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling, St. Petersburg, Fla., 56.
Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Johnstown, Pa., 59.

Deaths

Aldinger, Harry E., 86, Palmyra, Pa., Oct. 8, 1982.
Beach, E. Grace, 87, Woodbury, Pa., Nov. 1, 1982.
Beckel, Dorothy, 78, Woodbury, Pa., Dec. 9, 1982.
Book, Mabel, 82, Dallas Center, Iowa, Oct. 27, 1982.
Branson, George A. Jr., 89, Roanoke, Va., Jan. 2, 1983.
Branscom, Georgia, 81, Roanoke, Va., May 1, 1982.
Brown, Linnie M., 96, Zanesville, Ohio, Nov. 30, 1982.
Brubaker, Rachel E., 82, New Carlisle, Ohio, Dec. 28, 1982.
Brunbaugh, Paul A., 86, Martinsburg, Pa., Jan. 5, 1983.
Burner, Mark, 78, Dixon, Ill., Dec. 4, 1982.
Bunkirk, Raymond LeRoy, 74, McPherson, Kan., Nov. 4, 1982.
Charles, Esther B., 75, Harrisonburg, Va., Dec. 11, 1982.
Cook, Jessie, 82, Royal Oak, Mich., Feb. 11, 1982.
Crawford, Evelyn, 70, Roanoke, Va., Sept. 16, 1982.
DePerrot, Nancy, 52, Lititz, Pa., Sept. 10, 1982.
Diehl, Ruth, 89, Brookville, Ohio, Dec. 11, 1982.
Dorris, Marion, 71, Parsons, Kan., Sept. 24, 1982.
Erb, R. Eva, 87, Roaring Spring, Pa., April 26, 1981.
Fair, Mabel Shockley, 91, New Oxford, Pa., Dec. 25, 1982.
Fike, Mary Anna, 95, Modesto,

Calif., Jan. 7, 1983.
Fike, R. Fred, 73, Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 24, 1982.
Forry, Joseph A., 61, Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 14, 1982.
Grey, Phyllis, 37, Johnstown, Pa., Nov. 14, 1982.
Howard, Edith, 87, Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 4, 1982.
Huffman, Madge, 81, Roanoke, Va., Feb. 15, 1982.
Ickes, Paul E., 44, Albany, N.Y., Dec. 11, 1982.
Imes, Ida R., 88, Martinsburg, Pa., Nov. 12, 1982.
Jarrell, Floria Reiff, 85, Wilmington, Del., Dec. 8, 1982.
Johnson, Esther, 52, New Lebanon, Ohio, June 18, 1982.
Jones, Roland Pryce, 83, McPherson, Kan., Oct. 29, 1982.
Keefer, J. Clinton, 85, Mercersburg, Pa., Dec. 3, 1982.
Landis, Emma I., 81, Farmersville, Ohio, Dec. 29, 1982.
Lee, Esther H., 83, Wilmington, Del., Dec. 20, 1982.
Mackell, Myrtle, 86, Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 29, 1982.
Matthews, Gordon, 79, Detroit, Mich., Nov. 1, 1982.
Metzler, Margaret E., 79, Portland, Ore., Jan. 13, 1983.
Miller, Clyde D., 81, Harrisonburg, Va., Jan. 5, 1983.
Muck, Nannie, 93, New Oxford, Pa., Dec. 12, 1982.
Myers, Lee, 87, Adel, Iowa, Aug. 30, 1982.
Ogburn, Ray, 77, Gettysburg, Pa., Oct. 29, 1982.
Peters, Roy, 73, New

Lebanon, Ohio, Nov. 23, 1982.
Pittsburger, Ralph, 67, Adel, Iowa, Dec. 24, 1982.
Priest, Gladys King, 76, New Lebanon, Ohio, March 22, 1982.
Ream, Mada, 87, Windber, Pa., Oct. 28, 1982.
Reesor, Fannie, 81, Lancaster, Pa., July 6, 1982.
Reiber, Edna K., 78, Elizabethtown, Pa., Oct. 27, 1982.
Richey, Paul R., 68, Woodbury, Pa., March 30, 1981.
Shaffer, Flossie C., 90, Flora, Ind., Dec. 26, 1982.
Shively, David, 62, St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 12, 1982.
Shively, Helen, 63, St. Petersburg, Fla., Oct. 12, 1982.
Shober, Ralph, 82, Roanoke, Va., Dec. 23, 1982.
Shriver, Beulah S., 82, Martinsburg, Pa., Dec. 2, 1982.
Snively, Joseph B., 82, Curryville, Pa., Dec. 20, 1982.
Snyder, Mary, 82, Dunedin, Fla., Nov. 30, 1982.
Speicher, Irvin Gibson, 56, Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 7, 1982.
Spurgens, Harvey, 90, Adel, Iowa, Dec. 25, 1982.
Temple, Edith Esther, 69, White Cottage, Ohio, Nov. 11, 1982.
Travis, Florence, 103, Defiance, Ohio, July 4, 1982.
Wirtz, Rex, 25, Adel, Iowa, Sept. 30, 1982.
Wise, Jacob Andrew, 80, McPherson, Kan., Dec. 4, 1982.
Yohn, S. J., 96, Mt. Morris, Ill., Jan. 31, 1983.

Brethren by adoption

I finally made it official and joined the Church of the Brethren. Most everyone thought I had done that long ago, but I've dawdled around, waiting for "the fullness of time."

The adoption feels good. I'd been a practicing Brethren for a few years, but taking care of the legalities did give a certain feeling of ownership (though I'm not sure who owns whom in this case).

"Adoption" is an apt word to use, since one of the most appealing aspects of the Church of the Brethren is its family-ness. It took no time at all to catch on to the "Brethren game," and I feel as if I have an extended family all across the country.

But that's not the only reason I chose to take on the family name. My decision to join this church was a several-year process that was about as deliberate as any I've made. I studied and experienced the Brethren before making the choice.

What do I like about the Church of the Brethren? At the risk of sounding simplistic, let me make a few generalizations.

I find the Church of the Brethren both comfortable and uncomfortable:

The comfort is in the spirit of the people who call themselves Brethren. I belong. I am loved. I'm at home. Brethren have open hearts, and they hug a lot. When Brethren ask, "How are you?" it's more than a perfunctory greeting. They care about relationships, and community, and God's people everywhere.

The discomfort arises because of the totality with which Brethren live out their Christian beliefs. Christianity is more than a private relationship with God. It's not relegated to a "spiritual" part of one's life. It means pondering the use of tax money. It means trying to establish that line between commitment to country and commitment to God. It means studying causes of hunger and poverty and war rather than simply treating the results. It transcends political and social systems. It means moving the Gospel out of the sanctuary and into the world.

Brethren claim diversity as a hallmark of humanity. Despite the ethnicity and size of the denomination, there's a remarkable variety of

worship styles and opinions. Brethren cling to basic truths, but realize that God can speak in a different voice to different people. They struggle to share these differences with each other in an effort to enrich their own faith stories.

Out of their heritage, Brethren offer unique gifts to other Christians. They bring a sense of community. They know what it is to be oppressed. They hold a reverence for the whole of creation. They are a servant people. And, of course, they continue to be known as staunch peacemakers.

Now that I've become one of the Brethren, this is the last time I can offer so much effusive praise. But, now that I've become one of the Brethren, I'm free to venture a little in-house criticism. What would I especially like to see happen within the church?

I'd like to see more Brethren embrace the idea of evangelism. The sense of family can tend toward clannishness, and the inbred humility can lead toward self-abasement. As Christians, the Brethren have Good News to share, and they have a unique heritage to offer as well. It's not proselytizing to believe others might want that too.

I'd also like the Church of the Brethren—which so strongly defends the healthiness of hearing many voices—to become a bridgebuilder in the ecumenical world, affirming the right of all Christian groups to take part in the work of the kingdom of God. In a world where we see more competition than unity among Christians, let us be the ones to recognize that we can enrich our understanding of God by learning from each other.

With joy, I choose to make my journey in the company of the Brethren. It is a journey—a journey undertaken by saints in the making. The family is not without growing pains and squabbles, but it's got a blessed tie that binds.

And I, who have been adopted once into the Chamberlain family, and then once into the family of God, find myself blessed now by being adopted a third time—this time by the Church of the Brethren.—W.S.C.

be in the cities

and counseling, as well as other forms of ministry and outreach. I have found that some of the Brotherhood's best trained and most dedicated pastors minister in the city, because this is where they feel the Lord is leading them.

To my way of thinking, there is no question as to whether the Brethren should be in the city or not, because we're already there.

As to the question of our overall effectiveness, perhaps we need to consider another perspective as well as our own

past history. I love the faithfulness, commitment, and insight of Alexander Mack; but, with all due respects to a beloved brother, I am a disciple of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and not Brother Mack.

The early church grew because Paul and the apostles took it to the great cities of Rome, Corinth, Ephesus, and others. I believe that God intends us to go where we are needed the most—whether that's the farm, small town, or downtown Chicago. Christians are to go and minister

where there are people and need, and the city certainly fills both of those requirements.

I cannot believe that Jesus would be the head of a church that is capable of ministering to only 20 percent of the people in the U.S. If we are not successful in urban ministries, then we should not give up but see it as an even greater challenge and calling to learn how to reach all people everywhere. □

John Attaway is pastor of Tampa Church of the Brethren, Tampa, Fla.

turning points

159th BVS Orientation Unit

(Orientation completed May 17, 1983)

Burris, Vivian, Harrisburg, Pa.
Ebersole, John, Orangeburg, S.C., to New Windsor Service Center, New Windsor, Md.

Ebersole, Marie, Orangeburg, S.C., to New Windsor Service Center, New Windsor, Md.

Frantz, Jacob, Dayton, Ohio, to Center for Human Development, Jackson, Miss.

Frantz, Mildred, Dayton, Ohio, to Center for Human Development, Jackson, Miss.

Gump, Ann, No. Manchester, Ind., to Casa de Modesto, Modesto, Calif.

Haney, David, Goshen, Ind., to Camp Blue Diamond, Petersburg, Pa.

Miller, Margaret, Dayton, Ohio, to The Palms, Sebring, Fla.

Miller, Wanita, Corvallis, Ore., to Alderson Hospitality House, Alderson, W.V.

Miller, William, Dayton, Ohio, to The Palms, Sebring, Fla.

Olfe, Mary-Belle, Chambersburg, Pa., to The Palms, Sebring, Fla.

Shaw, Gerald, No. Syracuse, N.Y., to United Ministries Volunteer Corp., Seattle, Wash.

Licensing/Ordination

Baker, Maynard, licensed Jan. 9, 1983, Green Hill, Mid-Atl.
Calderson, Karen L., ordained May 8, 1983, Elgin, Ill./Wis.
Douglas, Lucinda M. E., licensed July 10, 1982,

Pomona Fellowship, Pacific S.W.

Henry, Barry, ordained March 4, 1983, Sugar Ridge, Michigan

Hubbell, Donald, ordained Nov. 28, 1982, Hagerstown, Mid-Atl.

Huggett, John Blake, licensed Nov. 13, 1983, Messiah, Missouri

Kleffner, Nancy Jo, licensed Nov. 20, 1982, York Center, Ill./Wis.

Landis, Henry, ordained Nov. 20, 1982, Montgomery, Western Pa.

Mambula, Musa A., licensed May 15, 1983, York Center, Ill./Wis.

Powers, Thomas Samuel, ordained May 15, 1983, Mount Morris, Ill./Wis.

Thompson, R. Jan, ordained Feb. 6, 1983, Union Bridge, Mid-Atl.

Warfield, Dennis, licensed Jan. 9, 1983, Green Hill, Mid-Atl.

Wilson, Robin Dawn, licensed May 15, 1983, York Center, Ill./Wis.

Pastoral Placements

Bowman, Dale E., from Lenke's Chapel, Shenandoah, to Tire Hill, Western Pa.

Burkett, Edward, from other denomination, to Ten Mile, Western Pa., part-time

Diaz, Manuel A., from Bristol Southeastern, to Locust Grove, Western Pa.

Lauko, Andrew, from retirement, to Trinity, Shenandoah, interim part-time

Lutz, Ronald Gene, from Germantown, Atl. N.E., to Ambley, Atl. N.E., associate

minister

Meyer, Matt, from General Board Staff, to Naperville, Ill./Wis., part-time

Mummett, John D., from Garden City, W. Plains, to Pleasant View, No. Ohio

Phillips, Marvin C., from Columbia City, No. Ind., to Pittsburgh, Western Pa.

Simmons, Brian, to Shade Creek, Ridge, Western Pa., interim

Stumler, Paul, from Midland, Michigan, to Orem, N. Plains

Timms, Michael R., from Bechary, to Grants Pass, Finsdale, Ore./Wash.

Wilber, L. David, from Bechary, to Williamsburg, Middle Pa.

Young, David S., from secular, to Mingo, Atl. N.E.

Ziegler, Esther Rittie, from Lancaster Seminary, to The Brethren House, Southern Pa., chaplain

Anniversaries

Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Fred, Hagerstown, Md., 50

Feltz, Paul and Elma, Toledo, Ohio, 41

Hammong, Howard and Edna, Phoenix, Ariz., 61

Hufford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Leola, Pa., 50

Long, Mr. and Mrs. Albert, Hagerstown, Md., 62

Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur, Hagerstown, Md., 50

Schuff, Mr. and Mrs. Jay, Hagerstown, Md., 52

Deaths

Bachman, Elmer, 84, Phoenix, Ariz., March 22, 1983

Barks, Joseph M., 82, Phoenix, Ariz., April 30, 1982

Becker, Clara, 68, Mount Joy, Pa., May 10, 1983

Beil, Sally, 91, Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 16, 1982

Brown, Cliff, 78, Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 19, 1982

Brumbaugh, Glenn Q., 86, Florida, Fla., April 29, 1983

Cox, Warren E., 61, Ashton, Iowa, April 7, 1983

Diffendal, Robert, 71, Hagerstown, Md., May 1, 1983

Darling, William, 72, Hagerstown, Md., March 2, 1983

Ebersole, Clara Mabel, 91, La Verne, Calif., March 19, 1983

Evans, Paul, 94, Sheldon, Iowa, March 17, 1983

Feighner, Harold, 78, Phoenix, Ariz., April 10, 1983

Gearhart, Abram, 75, Shady Grove, Pa., April 24, 1983

Gearhart, Leah, 83, Hagerstown, Md., March 31, 1983

Gish, Luella, 87, McPherson, Kan., April 16, 1983

Greenwalt, Ina, 85, Hagerstown, Md., March 12, 1983

Guthrie, Ward B., 66, Phoenix, Ariz., July 11, 1982

Gayer, Larue, 60, Woodbury, Pa., April 18, 1983

Harmon, Hubert, 63, Hagerstown, Md., April 13, 1983

Haynes, Lawrence W., 68, Bridgewater, Va., May 12, 1983

Hightberger, Ralph, 85, Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 29, 1982

Hollinger, Clayton, 90, Lancaster, Pa., May 1, 1983

Howdyshell, Preston, 88, Bridgewater, Va., May 7, 1983

Kocher, Judith A., 35, Bedford, Pa., April 7, 1983

Koons, Chalmers, 65, Phoenix, Ariz., June 2, 1982

Koonst, Kenneth W., 75, Windber, Pa., May 3, 1983

Lahr, Harry A., 80, Warren, Ind., March 26, 1983

Landholm, Cornelius, 75, Early, Iowa, April 13, 1983

Lewis, Beatrice, 78, Hagerstown, Md., April 21, 1983

Little, Ethel, 79, Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 28, 1983

Mangus, Dorothy M., 70, Kokomo, Ind., April 22, 1983

Martin, Ada Earhart, 88, Elizabethtown, Pa., March 2, 1983

Miller, Angie, 86, Phoenix, Ariz., April 12, 1983

Mullendore, Lee, 80, Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 3, 1983

Muntzing, Ernest E., 75, Roanoke, Va., May 3, 1983

Myers, Paul, 63, Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 24, 1982

Plato, Mark R., 22, New Cumberland, Pa., April 1983

Rowe, Dewey, 85, Seattle, Wash., May 16, 1983

Shively, Mildred, 75, West Manchester, Ohio, May 6, 1983

Sibbitt, Cora G., 91, Flora, Ind., April 26, 1983

Slack, Paul W., 74, Zanesville, Ohio, April 6, 1983

Wharton, Paul K., 77, Altoona, Pa., Feb. 2, 1983

Whetstone, Mildred, 63, Woodbury, Pa., March 23, 1983

Wray, Vena, 89, Ottawa, Kan., Feb. 11, 1983

Yankay, Mary Virginia, 67, Nokesville, Va., May 14, 1983

Zook, Ray E., 86, Wenatchee, Wash., April 29, 1983

A world I'd love to see

Behind the General Offices here in Elgin, lie several acres of good Illinois prairie land, owned by the church and long removed from farm use.

For many years now, we have had that land plowed annually, divided into 40 × 40 plots, and rented out at a nominal price to people in the community, first-come-first-served.

I have two ties to the gardens. I cultivate one of the plots near my house, and my footpath to and from work meanders through them. Both my gardening and my walks are of considerable therapeutic value to me. (The fresh vegetables are of no inconsiderable usefulness, as well.)

Much in the frame of mind of the housewife who thinks pretty thoughts as she looks out the kitchen window above her sink, I am given to reflection as I work and as I stroll. The gardens are a microcosm of a world I'd love to see.

There is something about seeing people working in their gardens that leads you to trust them, to like them, to feel good about them. If they believe in tilling the soil you know they can't be all bad. I look up from my work and beam benevolently at people in adjoining gardens whom I would probably avoid or harbor suspicions about if I ran into them downtown.

I speak to people in the gardens who would be rank strangers elsewhere, but who become instant and welcomed neighbors in this peculiar setting. We chatter about our gardening techniques and the resultant products. We have a bond—our purpose in being there is one.

Across the gardens, I notice, I am not alone in

my warm feelings. On any day you can observe a mixture of humanity at peace—black and white, well-off and poor, in cheery conversation, calling back and forth to each other. You can hear English, Spanish, German, Polish, Japanese, Lao-tian, Cambodian, Vietnamese being spoken, but language is no insurmountable barrier. It can be crossed by offering a sample of one's first fruits or by sharing a few cabbage plants. It is as if a host of countries has been reduced to small plots and, looking across one's national boundaries, one can see we aren't so different from each other, after all.

There are differences, but they seem insignificant. Different ethnic representatives grow some different crops; some gardeners bring their children, who gambol about while parents toil; some of us are more expert gardeners than others, but our degrees of expertise do not divide us along racial or ethnic lines.

Most important, we look across at our gardening neighbors and we feel good about each other. We trust each other. We bear no ill will. We sense a bond of unity. We understand how each of us just wants to get along. We see how much alike we really are.

From time to time I pause, lean on my hoe handle, and think there must be a germ of an editorial or a sermon here, some lesson to be drawn. Maybe when the crop's all in this fall, I'll have time to think about it. Right now I just want to enjoy this peaceable kingdom, found in my garden. —K.T.

Brethren, we are fooling ourselves. We are not—nor can we ever be—"one body" in this world. To promote such a position is to miss a most important and clearly stated biblical absolute. We are sinful. And as sinful creatures we will never be brought to unity. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9).

There simply is no way to change that fact in this present order. We will only be united in "one body" as there is a total change of heart. And that only comes through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

To believe that all of society will be changed and united without the personal

return of our Lord Jesus is to reject much of New Testament scripture.

Brothers and sisters, I believe in a peace witness. I believe we are to do all we can to promote peace, to oppose war, to oppose military service, to support the movement for justice, to oppose repression. I believe this because we belong to the Prince of Peace—and he was for justice and peace and opposed to repression and violence of all kinds.

But I also believe that the peoples of the world can only be united in the present order through the greatest repression and injustice the world has ever known. As long as there are unregenerate people on earth there will always be those who

can gather a following to support their own ends, to control and dominate some segment of society.

Even the church will remain divided into many different groups—with the most significant division being between those who believe the Bible to be the true and final Word of God and those who don't.

There are many passages that clearly state that Christ shall return to this earth to establish a new kingdom in which all peoples will be united. Until that time, unregenerate humankind will be hopelessly divided.

This I believe because "the Bible tells me so." □

John A. Harpold is pastor of the Richland (Pa.) Church of the Brethren.

turning points

158th BRF/BVS

(Orientation completed Jan. 28, 1983)

Bucher, Stephen L., Myers-town, Pa., to Lewiston Housing Authority, Lewiston, Me.
Dunmore, Daniel, Spring City, Pa., to Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, Miss.
Eby, Barbara, Chambersburg, Pa., to Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, Miss.
Eby, Earl, Chambersburg, Pa., to Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, Miss.
Etzler, Joseph, New Madison, Ohio, to Lewiston Housing Authority, Lewiston, Me.
Nolt, Eva, Litzitz, Pa., to Lewiston Housing Authority, Lewiston, Me.
Nolt, Ray, Litzitz, Pa., to Lewiston Housing Authority, Lewiston, Me.
Patches, Richard, Lebanon, Pa., to Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, Miss.
Rogers, David, Bethel, Pa., to Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, Miss.
Roop, Iris, Union Bridge, Md., to Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, Miss.
Wenger, Doris, Ephrata, Pa., to Lewiston Housing Authority, Lewiston, Me.
Wenger, Grace, Ephrata, Pa., to Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, Miss.
Wenger, Susan, Myerstown, Pa., to Lewiston Housing Authority, Lewiston, Me.

Licensing/Ordination

Claude, Reginald Eugene, ordained June 29, 1982, Green-land, West Marva
Hall, Richard J., licensed March 10, 1982, Southern Pa.

Krape, J. David, licensed Nov. 8, 1982, New Fairview (Yorkana), Southern Pa.
Myers, Donald E., licensed Nov. 8, 1982, New Fairview, Southern Pa.
Myers, Patrick H., ordained Jan. 1, 1983, Pleasant View, Southern Pa.
Nell, Kenneth Eugene, licensed Nov. 8, 1982, Pleasant Hill, Southern Pa.
Shanaman, Frederick L. Jr., ordained Jan. 6, 1983, Pleasant View, Southern Pa.
Shumate, David K., licensed Dec. 26, 1982, Crab Orchard, Virgina
Weaver, Garnet Edward, licensed June 29, 1982, White Pine, West Marva
Williams, Dorman Leo, licensed June 29, 1982, Pleasant Hill, West Marva

Pastoral Placements

Batman, Steven P., from secular, to LaMotte Prairie Fed., Ill./Wis., interim part-time
Daughtry, James Earl, from Kansas City First Central, W. Plains, to Tucson, Pacific S.W.
Deffenbaugh, Donald Wayne, from Beachdale, W. Pa., to Glendale, Ariz., Pacific S.W.
Detwiler, Robert W., to Claysburg, Middle Pa.
Edwards, G. Wayne, from Brummetts Creek/Pleasant Grove, Southeastern, to Walnut, No. Ind.
Harmon, J.D., from Oak Grove, South, Virgina, to Boones Chapel, Snow Creek, Virgina, part-time
Langdon, Kenneth J., from Buena Vista, Stone, Shenandoah, to Keyser, West Marva
Lepage, Richard, from other denomination, to Loon

Creek, S./Central Ind.
McCombs, Earl, from secular, to Beech Grove, So. Ohio
Sollenberger, Carmen, from Buena Vista, Shenandoah, to Carson Valley, Middle Pa.
Stern, Roy L., from Des Moines, Stover Memorial, Tri-District, to Nappanee, No. Ind.
Swartz, Fred, from General Board staff, to Manassas, Mid-Atl.
Walker, Ivan, from retirement, to Stevens Hill, Atl. N.E.
Wills, Douglas, from Saunders Grove, Virgina, to Masons Cove, Virgina, part-time
Wilson, Tom, former General Board staff, to Boulder Hill, Ill./Wis., interim part-time

Anniversaries

Blough, Dorsey and Mary, Waterloo, Iowa, 66
Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Erman P., Staunton, Va., 50
Gorden, Israel and Edwina, Clovis, N.M., 55
Houghton, George and Winifred, Parsons, Kan., 60
Kenepp, Mr. and Mrs. James M., Mattawana, Pa., 55
Kessler, Russell and Esther, Astoria, Ill., 51
Lichty, Clark and Hope, Waterloo, Iowa, 60
Smith, W.E. and Josephine, Parsons, Kan., 52
Wiest, Samuel and Carrie, Ephrata, Pa., 63

Deaths

Agee, Cassie S., 86, Eden, N.C., Jan. 27, 1983
Ankeny, Donald, 62, Shelocta, Pa., Nov. 23, 1982
Arnett, Carl G., 84, Laura, Ohio, Jan. 24, 1983
Blough, Katherine Flory, 87, Bridgewater, Va., Feb. 2, 1983
Bolinger, Inez, 78, N. Man-

chester, Ind., May 2, 1982
Bowling, Howard, 73, Hampstead, Md., Oct. 20, 1982
Broadwater, Mary E., 91, Spring Valley, Minn., Jan. 7, 1983
Burkhead, Merle, 71, Decatur, Ind., Oct. 1, 1982
Chapman, Larry, 49, Elizabeth-town, Pa., Sept. 27, 1982
Click, Hazel Y., 79, Staunton, Va., Dec. 11, 1982
Dankers, Irene, 65, Ephrata, Pa., Nov. 14, 1982
Denlinger, Arthur J., 71, Trotwood, Ohio, Feb. 10, 1983
Elsnagle, Harlan Clifford, 62, New Carlisle, Ohio, Feb. 24, 1983
Emby, Robert, 66, Waynesboro, Pa., Dec. 8, 1982
Fanus, Milton, 91, Elizabeth-town, Pa., Nov. 7, 1982
Farmer, Mrs. Mayhugh, 75, Eden, N.C., Jan. 11, 1983
Flora, Noah E., 100, Flora, Ind., Jan. 16, 1983
Fralley, Twila, 81, Shelocta, Pa., Nov. 21, 1982
Fridley, Robert, 76, McPherson, Kan., Jan. 16, 1983
Garber, Alice, 81, Elgin, Ill., Jan. 27, 1983
Gregory, John, 80, Reidsville, N.C., Oct. 1982
Haney, Jack, 17, Crawfordsville, Ind., Feb. 6, 1983
Hawbaker, Carrie D., 72, St. Thomas, Pa., Sept. 18, 1982
Hedrick, Savilla Wenger, 99, Neffsville, Pa., Feb. 12, 1983
Hilton, Viola, 75, Ephrata, Pa., Dec. 19, 1982
Holmes, Dorothy Woods, 87, Tonasket, Wash., Feb. 8, 1983
Hughes, Victor H., 72, Waynesboro, Pa., Jan. 29, 1983
Jerardi, Helen, 70, Trotwood, Ohio, Jan. 10, 1983
Jordan, Virginia M., 65, Bringhurst, Ind., Jan. 12, 1983
Klepinger, Mabel, 83, Greenville, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1982
Knox, Pearl, 72, Ottumwa,

Iowa, Feb. 11, 1983
Knox, Robert H., 67, Ottumwa, Iowa, Jan. 13, 1983
Laughman, Elmer, 79, Glen Rock, Pa., Dec. 9, 1982
Leicht, Paul, 61, Elizabeth-town, Pa., Oct. 17, 1982
McManuels, Ida B., 86, Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 26, 1983
Metzger, Jerome, 81, N. Manchester, Ind., Nov. 2, 1982
Meyer, Gertrude Royer, 88, Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 26, 1982
Miller, J. Quinter, 83, Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 5, 1983
Morris, Kenneth, 81, Greenville, Ohio, Nov. 20, 1982
Moyer, Ruth E., 60, New Carlisle, Ohio, Feb. 18, 1983
Mumma, Melvin, 95, Greenville, Ohio, Jan. 23, 1983
Neighbors, Harold A., 51, Waterloo, Iowa, Feb. 1, 1983
Neil, Bertha R., 90, Phoenixville, Pa., Feb. 12, 1983
Ritchey, Blair, 82, Hollidaysburg, Pa., Jan. 19, 1983
Robinson, Viola, 62, Fremont, Calif., Dec. 8, 1982
Shelton, Gertrude H., 67, Eden, N.C., Oct. 1982
Slaughter, Eliza R., 73, Eden, N.C., Feb. 4, 1983
Smith, Harry L., 85, Beaver, Iowa, Jan. 31, 1983
Stouse, Elva Michael, 81, Flora, Ind., Feb. 18, 1983
Teach, Ella Mae, 95, New Carlisle, Ohio, Feb. 19, 1983
Tharrington, Bruce A., 87, Nampa, Ida., Jan. 16, 1983
Townsend, Harley V., 96, Hastings, Mich., Jan. 21, 1983
Vinyard, Bonnie, 75, Grants Pass, Ore., July 30, 1982
Warner, Mary, 93, Astoria, Ill., Feb. 4, 1983
Weeks, Elizabeth, 82, Trotwood, Ohio, Jan. 30, 1983
Weigel, Jaime, 17, Elizabeth-town, Pa., Oct. 2, 1982
Worley, Melva M., 87, Hanover, Pa., Feb. 13, 1983
Yurich, Myrtle, 58, Eden, N.C., Jan. 1983

unity

Is it fair that parsonages are considered a benefit to pastors and their families . . . when in reality they pose a great liability: no mortgage-interest savings on income taxes; no appreciation on equity owned; no privacy; no freedom, pride, responsibility of ownership? (Where will I live when I retire?)

Is it fair that churches expect clergy couples to be model stewards in regard to the tithe . . . when the average churchgoer is giving only a fourth of a tithe? (Am I really in a better position to tithe because of my commitment to God?)

Is it fair that congregations expect pastoral families to model Christian family life . . . yet in contractual negotiations local search committees constantly refer to "the pastor's 'day off' "? (I work quite a few 10- and 12-hour days, so am I entitled to a four-day work week?)

So at last, is it fair to ask who is failing whom? When the church decides to get serious about taking care of its professionals (exercising the accountability that the article dreams about), then I as a clergyperson will more willingly discuss my responsibility as a model father and husband. Until then, I will not be surprised at the number of clergy couples who choose to call it quits in the face of tremendous stress, low compensation, and very limited family time. I will instead remain amazed that so many couples survive life in the pastorate as long as they do. □

John A. Harpold

Unity is only through Christ

Let's stop kidding ourselves. The human race is divided and will stay that way.

In less than one year I have read or heard three prominent Brethren leaders espouse the idea of the whole human race being united as one. Two made clear statements that nationalism must be eliminated—that if we are going to have peace and justice we must be united into one big "personhood" of all peoples. The third flatly states this to be "true": "We are one body—the human race—on this world."



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of his statement, but I would remind him that a certain itinerate preacher from Nazareth was also outside the mainstream of that day. I would not want to live in a society in which everyone was in the mainstream.

Some of our society's most urgent needs have to do with justice, values, and priorities. In an article in a recent issue of the *Reader's Digest* Rael Jean Isaac says, "In-

deed the National Council's (National Council of Churches) policy statements and resolutions portray the United States as deeply flawed." She seems shocked that anyone could see flaws in our nation's arrangement of values and priorities and in our attempts to achieve "justice for all."

If a democratic society is to be kept sensitive and responsive to the needs of all its citizens, there must always be intelli-

gent voices of dissent. Those in positions of leadership—indeed, a whole society—may sometimes need to be told what it is reluctant to hear. How long will a society endure if it is unable or unwilling to make the best decisions when faced with very difficult choices?

With some justification, we have long celebrated what we like to call "the good old American knowhow." Our trouble

turning points

159th BVS Orientation Unit

(Orientation completed Feb. 27, 1983)

Barrett, Ruth, Lansing, Mich., to The Peace Museum, Chicago, Ill.

Carpenter, Kirby, Millersburg, Ind., to Camp Inspiration Hills, Burbank, Ohio

Frantz, Myrna, Harrisburg, Pa., to Church and Peace, Germany

Gibbie, Peggy, Elgin, Ill., to Family Centre, Belfast, Ireland

Goddard, Pamela, Dixon, Ill. Grafton, Paula, Worthington, Pa., to Dundalk Family Crisis Center, Baltimore, Md.

Graves, Jane, Garden City, Kan., to Bar 41 Ranch, Wilbur, Wash.

Krauss, William Jr., Arcamum, Ohio, to Poland

Kartz, Shelly, New Paris, Ind., to Dundalk Family Crisis Center, Baltimore, Md.

Little, Gail, Ashtabula, Ohio, to Washington City Church, Washington, D.C.

Murillo, Marco, San Jose, Costa Rica, to Community for Creative Non-Violence, Washington, D.C.

Pittman, Orallea, Champaign, Ill., to Hospital General Castañer, Castañer, Puerto Rico

Radford, Elizabeth, Roanoke, Va., to The Solid Rock, Brigham City, Utah

Rice, Keith, Elizabethtown, Pa., to Poland

Rose, Carol, Hollister, Calif., to Honduras

See, David Jr., Broadway, Va., to Honduras

Slack, Minor, Hollins College, Va., to Honduras

Snyder, Roberta, Thompsonstown, Pa., to Casa de Modesto, Modesto, Calif.

Schmama, Scott, Wabash, Ind., to International Fellowship of Reconciliation, Holland

Stutman, Janet, Wenatchee, Wash., to First Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

Supanick, Beverly, Somerset, Pa., to Bethany Community Service Center, Bakersfield, Calif.

Thavarajah, Sivagnanasanthari, Jaffna, Sri Lanka, interim assignment to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.

Thompson, Lynette, Freeport, Mich.

Thuma, Mark, Seattle, Wash., to The Palms, Sebring, Fla.

Webb, Kathy, Oswego, Ill., to Dundalk Family Crisis Center, Baltimore, Md.

Ziegler, Robert, Hershey, Pa., to The Palms, Sebring, Fla.

Deaths

Binkley, Harold, 80, Pine Grove, Pa., March 2, 1983

Booz, John, 85, Shippensburg, Pa., Feb. 24, 1983

Boulder, Mary, 95, Leola, Pa., Jan. 31, 1983

Burner, Mark, 78, Dixon, Ill., Dec. 4, 1982

Byer, Frank D. Sr., 60, Shippensburg, Pa., March 9, 1983

Craig, Minnie Lou Frances, 83, Harrisonburg, Va., Feb. 7, 1983

Desarth, Jerry Lee, 45, Dayton, Ohio, Feb. 21, 1983

Dennison, Nora B., 86, Waka, Tex., Dec. 25, 1982

Diehl, Zona, 95, Fort Scott, Kan., March 7, 1983

Eigenbrode, Olive, 76, Ringgold, Md., Feb. 9, 1983

Erb, Blanche Mae, 83, Panama, Iowa, Nov. 11, 1982

Felsenstein, Harold, 84, Troy, Ohio, Jan. 15, 1983

Garrison, Ollie E., 92, Polo, Ill., Feb. 26, 1983

Gerdies, Mildred, 63, Dixon, Ill., Jan. 10, 1983

Gilbert, Emma, 93, Polo, Ill., March 22, 1983

Greenstick, Sharon L., 85, Copernish, Mich., Feb. 23, 1983

Gruber, Norman M., 71, Mount Joy, Pa., March 28, 1983

Guthrie, Millie Knox, 95, Bridgewater, Va., March 1, 1983

Homer, Martha, 78, Troy, Ohio, Feb. 25, 1983

Johnson, Carl C., 87, Flora, Ind., March 5, 1983

Jordan, Charles L., 96, Flora, Ind., March 9, 1983

Laughman, Mabel M., 73, New Oxford, Pa., March 9, 1983

Lentz, Ray A., 62, Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 23, 1983

Luchinger, L. Ruth, 72, Surry, N.D., Feb. 22, 1983

Madison, Elmer V., 58, Eldorado, Ohio, March 10, 1983

Mancham, Inez Lucille, 66, Panama, Iowa, Aug. 22, 1982

Mata, Susan E., 69, Pine Grove, Pa., March 6, 1983

Meadley, Ammon, 73, Lebanon, Pa., Nov. 19, 1982

Mission, Clark, 78, Huntington, Ind., Dec. 28, 1982

Morgan, William Clay, 91, Webster, Iowa, March 17, 1983

Myers, G. Elmer, 80, Bridgewater, Va., March 13, 1983

Myers, Raymond Sr., 77, Dixon, Ill., Feb. 15, 1983

Neal, Pearl Myra, 90, Panama, Iowa, Sept. 31, 1982

Nehar, Roy, 88, McCune, Kan., July 23, 1982

Oellig, Galen, 86, Palmyra, Pa., March 31, 1983

Peterson, Gladys B., 82, Dayton, Ohio, March 11, 1983

Pittman, Betty Funk, 65, Waynesboro, Pa., March 15, 1983

Planchett, Sidney, 99, Troy, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1983

Reed, Vesta, 58, Flora, Ind., Feb. 27, 1983

Reep, Viola O., 75, Altoona, Pa., Jan. 23, 1983

Reiff, Dale, 59, South Whitley, Ind., Aug. 4, 1982

Reynolds, Gary, 36, Yale, Iowa, Aug. 27, 1981

Riagler, Lloyd E., 95, Cedar Falls, Iowa, March 8, 1983

Sanders, Rex, 79, Lewiston, Minn., Jan. 17, 1983

Stollings, Rhodie M., 91, Waka, Tex., Feb. 9, 1983

Stoeder, Georgia, 73, South Whitley, Ind., June 21, 1982

Licensing/Ordination

Arick, William Edwin, ordained Feb. 27, 1983, Oakton, Md.-Atl.

Brown-Chasek, Deanna Gae, licensed Nov. 20, 1982, York Center, Ill./Wis.

Barkholder, Gale, licensed March 13, 1983, Pleasant View, So./Central Ind.

Devis, James Harmon II, licensed March 6, 1983, North Liberty, No. Ind.

Fisher, Neil R., licensed Jan. 4, 1983, Mohrsville, Atl. N.E.

Garrison, Dennis W., licensed Nov. 30, 1982, Hershey, Atl. N.E.

Haldeman, William C., licensed March 6, 1983, Conewago, Atl. N.E.

Kipp, Judith G., licensed Nov. 7, 1982, Elizabethtown, Atl. N.E.

Kover, Virgil K., ordained Oct. 14, 1982, Middle Creek, Atl. N.E.

McDonald, Richard Arnold, licensed Aug. 10, 1982, Wake-man's Grove, Shenandoah

McDowell, Kimberly Anne, licensed Sept. 11, 1982, York Center, Ill./Wis.

Moore, Roy W., Friends ordination recognized Nov. 20, 1982, Pacific S.W.

Richer, Florence A., licensed Nov. 19, 1982, Glendora, Pacific S.W.

Rogers, Ingrid, licensed Feb. 13, 1983, Manchester, So./Central Ind.

Serrano, Mario, other denomination ordination accepted Nov. 20, 1982, Fla./P.R.

Serrano, Olga, other denomination ordination accepted Nov. 20, 1982, Fla./P.R.

Sherck, Ronald George II, licensed March 13, 1983, Pleasant Valley, No. Ind.

Sifrit, Lynn Curtis, ordained Nov. 5, 1982, Wichita First, W. Plains

Thompson, Howard Kraig, licensed Jan. 22, 1982, Highland Ave., Ill./Wis.

Toledo, Jorge Luis, licensed Jan. 8, 1983, Vega Baja Fellowship, Fla./P.R.

Pastoral Placements

Beck, Jeff, to Prairie City, Northern Plains

Earhart, J. Stanley, from Dist. Exec. So. Pa., to Director, Field Services, half-time, General Board based in Pa.

Fancher, Don, to Long Beach, Pacific S.W.

Kinard, Harold S., from Wiley Ford, West Marva, to Mount Pleasant, Western Pa.

Kinsey, James, from Hope Church, Michigan, to District Executive, Michigan

Resplege, Norman L., from Bethany Theo. Seminary, to Pleasant Dale, So./Central Ind.

Wilson, Leland, from York First, Southern Pa., to Washington Office Representative, General Board based in D.C.

Anniversaries

Christophel, John and Libbie, Elkhart, Ind., 55

Flora, Bruce and Dorothy, Roanoke, Va., 50

Flora, Jonas and Opel, Boones Mill, Va., 64

Harshbarger, Rupert and Ruth, Lewistown, Pa., 58

Hess, Mr. and Mrs. Titus, Leola, Pa., 50

Neely, Mr. and Mrs. Milton, Hollidaysburg, Pa., 67

Scott, William and Olive, Shippensburg, Pa., 61

Townsend, Paul and Opal, Brethren, Mich., 50

computers

Robert Beery

Technology and understanding

These observations are prompted by a growing feeling that our lives are being not only surrounded, but to a considerable degree controlled by computers, microchips, and high technology. At the same time there are other developments, perhaps little noticed, that are not particularly reassuring.

It is not my purpose to decry the growing use of computers and high technology. Certainly they have the potential for improving the quality of life and in some uses are already demonstrating that they can save or extend life. My concern is that in our enthusiasm for the possi-

bilities of the computer age we not neglect some things that computers cannot do.

It hardly seems necessary to suggest that one of the conditions necessary for a more stable and safe world is a more clearly defined understanding between the United States and the Soviet Union. One of the prerequisites for better understanding is for the parties to know each other better. Yet we seem to treat the matter of learning to know the Soviets, their language, their system, and their people with studied indifference.

The number of college and university students in the US taking courses in Russian in 1980 was little more than half the number so involved only a little more than a decade earlier. It appears that in a very few years the State Department will not be able to find the number of Soviet

specialists it needs. With more teachers of English in the Soviet Union than there are students of Russian in the United States, and given the Soviets' systematic approach to American studies, it seems likely that the Soviets are soon going to understand us a lot better than we understand them.

A number of liberal arts colleges are requiring more mathematics and science courses, presumably to avoid sending technological illiterates out into a society where computers and high technology are king. James J. Kilpatrick has said, "The high school graduate who cannot speak the language of computers will be out of the mainstream."

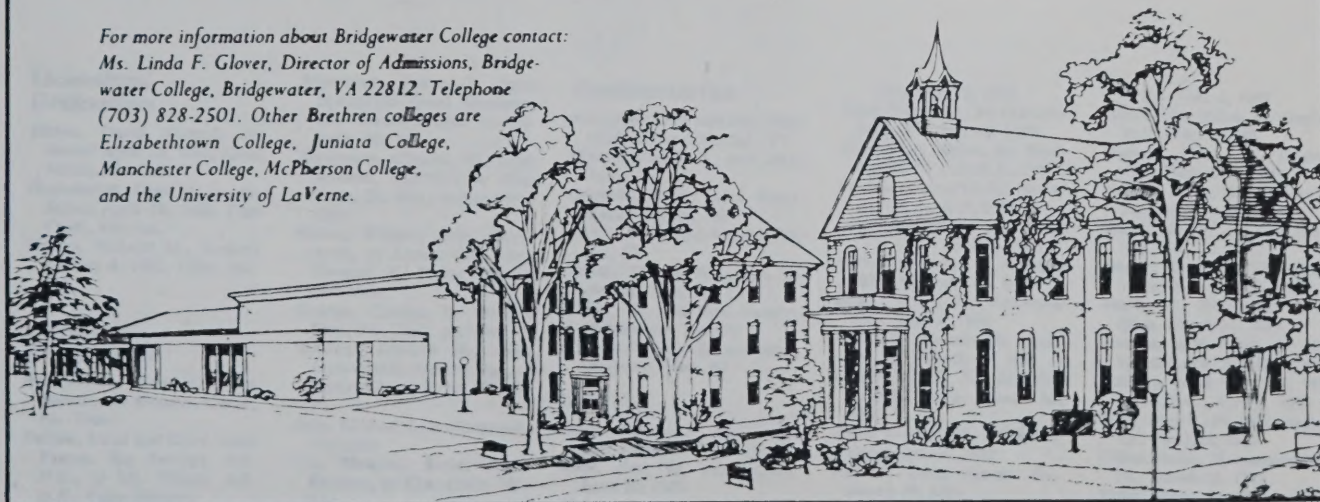
Many of the world's most pressing problems are not technological in nature and can be effectively addressed by persons who may have little or no technical skill. I do not wish to debate the accuracy



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and yellow, black, and white, all are precious in His sight" This is the philosophy at the root of the General Board resolution.

The problem arises with a second restriction of US refugee policy. This limits refugee placement to certain accepted groups. Accepted groups have changed through our history. At one time only white, Anglo-Saxon Europeans were welcome. Southern Europeans were accepted, but not welcomed. Asians were farther down the list and Africans beyond the pale. We have never restricted aliens on the basis of religion, but now do on the basis of politics and economics. No one would question the selective rejection of political agitators, but to reject a race or nationality on the basis of the actions of a few political leaders is about as plausible as to reject all Jews on the basis of the action of the Sanhedrin that led to the crucifixion of Jesus.

All free persons, and especially all Christians, should take issue with this kind of mentality. In its action our Church of the Brethren General Board did so. The concept of "sanctuary," mentioned in the article, is akin to that of the cities of refuge in Old Testament times, except that we are protecting the innocent rather than the guilty, and this is consistent with Christian love and charity.

It is always easy for the church to find reasons to comply with the expedient policies of government. But it took courage 130 years ago to be a member of the Underground Railroad which illegally assisted escaped slaves to freedom. It took courage 1,950 years ago for Jesus of Nazareth to break Jewish laws in order to relieve human suffering—for which he was branded a seditionist and crucified. Let any humanitarian count the cost. □

Byron J. Wampler is administrator of The John M. Reed Home, Inc., Limestone, Tenn.

Elmer I. Brumbaugh

Bradenton: Dunker doctrines upheld

It has been our privilege to worship with the Good Shepherd Church of the Brethren in Bradenton, Fla., the last three winters. This church, which celebrated its fifth anniversary this winter, has shown phenomenal growth. Due to the large number of winter residents it was necessary to have two morning worship services for three months this year.

This congregation is made up of many denominational backgrounds, so many are new in the Church of the Brethren. We have been impressed with the positive way

pastor Don White presents the doctrines and ideals of the church. Pastor White, who in recent years has come into our denomination, has studied Brethren history seriously and expresses real joy in being a part of that heritage. He makes one feel good about being Brethren.

He upholds the peace position of the church and explains and practices all the ordinances of anointing, the full love feast and three-fold baptism. The church is growing. The fellowship is warm and the enthusiasm of the pastor and his wife, Beckie, is felt in the entire membership.

At the love feast, feet washing, and communion (which was well attended) an opportunity to speak was given for any who so wished. Many gave testimony of their new-found blessings. One said he has been a Christian for many years but as he experienced this service he felt nearer to God than ever before.

We who have been members of the church most of our lives need to find new joy and meaning in our church which from its beginning has had as its creed the New Testament and which practices the ordinances in their fullness. If we do so and witness enthusiastically we will win others to Christ and to his church. □

Elmer I. Brumbaugh, of Kent, Ohio, is a winter-time member of the Good Shepherd Church of the Brethren, Bradenton, Fla.

turning points

Licensing/Ordination

Bibbe, David Michael, ordained April 10, 1983, Crest Manor, No. Ind.
Hagenberger, Gene M. Jr., ordained April 10, 1983, Pipe Creek, Mid-Atl.
Hanley, Richard M., licensed January 4, 1983, Lititz, Atl. N.E.

Pastoral Placements

Barkholder, Connie, from Bethany, to Wooster, Christ, No. Ohio
Dubble, Carol and Kirby, from Paxton, Big Swatara, Atl. N.E., to Mt. Wilson, Atl. N.E., Team Ministry

Elkenberry, James O., from Springfield Good Shepherd, So. Mo./Arkansas, to Batavia, Ill./Wis.
Firstbrook, Clinton, III, from Astoria, Ill./Wis., to Rice Lake, Ill./Wis., interim part-time
Gahn, William, from retirement, to Kansas City, First Central, W. Plains, interim part-time
George, Charles, to Canton, First, No. Ohio, part-time
Hershey, Kenneth H., from Conemaugh, Western Pa., to Yellow Creek, Bethel, Middle Pa.
Rath, Michael J., to Shepherd, Michigan
Van Houten, Steve, from Bethany, to Cloverdale, Virginia

Anniversaries

Ankerman, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, Union City, Ind., 65
Brown, Claude R. and Jeun, York, Pa., 50
Graybill, Harry and Edna, Rothsville, Pa., 65
Huber, Harry and Anna, Lititz, Pa., 51
Orwalt, Mr. and Mrs. Roy, Arcanum, Ohio, 57
Stifer, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel, Bedminister, Pa., 50
Tanawenther, Orville and Reba, Waterloo, Iowa, 63

Deaths

Bantz, Martha J., 86, Greenville, Ohio, Jan. 30, 1983
Biser, Osa, 92, Troy, Ohio, April 20, 1983
Bixler, Forrest, 74, Goshen,

Ind., Feb. 15, 1983
Click, Fannie M., 89, Harrisonburg, Va., July 12, 1982
Comerford, Naomi, 81, Washington, DC, April 22, 1983
Crowsover, Marlin, 72, Sheloceta, Pa., April 14, 1983
Dell, Virginia L., 66, Union City, Ohio, April 12, 1983
Dick, Wayne H., 70, Phoenixville, Pa., April 18, 1983
Drake, Edith, 81, Wakarusa, Ind., April 8, 1983
Folk, Mrs. Ponedra, 86, Ligonier, Ind., March 18, 1983
Geiger, Joseph A., 84, New Carlisle, Ohio, March 28, 1983
Hoke, Frances, 73, Greenville, Ohio, Dec. 13, 1982
Hoover, Lucy, Akron, Pa., March 28, 1983
Kartz, William, 95, Huntsdale,

Pa., Feb. 6, 1983
McCamery, Ralph, 87, Goshen, Ind., Feb. 7, 1983
Pepper, Paul, 22, Dayton, Ohio, March 22, 1983
Schildt, Mary, 92, Rouzerville, Pa., April 4, 1983
Shank, Hoy H., 95, Finksburg, Md., Feb. 21, 1983
Smiley, Karen E., 22, Bridgewater, Va., Feb. 10, 1982
Smith, C. Ethel, 92, Troy, Ohio, March 24, 1983
Summer, Sadie Weist, 83, New Holland, Pa., March 30, 1983
Thomas, Irma Urey, 84, Waterloo, Ind., April 6, 1983
Wise, Jesse S., 90, Bridgewater, Va., April 22, 1982
Witter, Helen, 79, Mercersburg, Pa., March 18, 1983
Yoder, Elmer, 83, Quakertown, Pa., Feb. 6, 1983

Crawfishes at Conference

Once I was invited by a columnist to name some of my favorite books. I declined, pointing out that if I did submit a list, pride would force me to lie. To protect my image I'd have to mention authors such as Bonhoeffer, Dostoevsky, Ellul, and Merton. At the very least, I'd have to name C. S. Lewis. "The shameful truth is," I confessed, "among my top favorites are *Gone With the Wind*, *Huckleberry Finn*, *The Egg and I*, and *Uncle Remus*."

That last-named tome would surely raise eyebrows. But I make no excuses for Joel Chandler Harris' 19th-century racist overtones. I grew up on Uncle Remus tales. As recently as New Year's Eve 1981 I turned to him, when a sleet storm isolated my mother, my son, and me on the farm in Virginia, preventing our joining the rest of the family for merrymaking in town. The power lines were down, and the furnace and telephone out. So we built a cozy fire in the fireplace, lit a kerosene lamp, and saw the New Year in, reading aloud from *Uncle Remus*.

I thought of Uncle Remus just now as I contemplated our Brethren Annual Conference in Baltimore. It seems that one time the animals decided to call an assembly . . . "fer ter sorter straighten out matters and hear de complaints." Now doesn't that sound like Annual Conference? Can't you hear it? "Dey spoke speeches . . . and flung der langwidge 'roun' . . . Howsomever, dey 'ranged der 'fairs, en splained der bizness."

But, while the animals "wuz 'sputin' 'longer one er nudder, de elephant trompled on one er de crawfishes." How often at Conference does one of us—or a group of us—feel "trompled on"?

And sometimes we react like the crawfishes. These delegates from the heartland—their congregation was no doubt some place such as Maple Creek or Muddy Branch—were offended by the elephant's insensitivity. The crawfishes "sorter swarmed tergedder en draw'd up a kinder peramble wid some wharfo'es in it, en read her out in de 'sembly." But nobody paid any attention. Uncle Remus speculates that the mud turtle or the spring lizard may have heard the crawfishes . . . but "dere enfloons wuz pow'ful lackin'."

How many "crawfish" groups could we identify at Baltimore this year? I may be overlooking some of them, but I'm fairly sure these, at least, are around:

The Womaen's Caucus keeps a lower profile than formerly, but that's not to indicate its concerns have evaporated or that much progress has been made toward giving women their equal place

in the life of the church.

The anti-abortion rights people are busy, still trying to get a satisfactory answer to the question of how Brethren pacifists can oppose all war but not all abortions.

The Holy Spirit group, more successful than some in finding accommodation, is still around, although its large conferences of the middle 1970s seem to have been its high water mark.

The anti-NCC/WCC folks have managed to get another query to this year's Conference, an achievement for crawfishes everywhere.

Most painfully obvious at this Conference have been homosexual Brethren—what with the human sexuality paper—although antagonism from the rest of us keeps them virtually invisible.

There are other crawfish groups—such as the creationists, the overseas mission enthusiasts, the evangelicals, the fundamentalists, the war tax withholders—my difficulty in naming all of them suggests the scope of the problem.

How do we make sure all the crawfishes get their "peramble" heard? I don't win any popularity contests preaching tolerance and forbearance to Brethren, especially when some of the crawfishes are *intentionally* "trompled on."

Maybe we're going at it the wrong way, airing our differences and grievances in the Conference business sessions. After all, for most of us it's as important to feel we've been heard as to win a floor debate. Maybe what we need is another category of exhibit booths at Conference—apart from those endorsing General Board program—and rent them out to groups at odds one way or another with the rest of us.

What harm would it do, say, for the Brethren/Mennonite Council for Gay Concerns to have a booth and offer literature explaining its cause? If we didn't agree with it, we could avoid that booth. After all, I avoid some of the booths we already allow at Conference. And a few years back wasn't there a booth maintained by someone soliciting support to raise Noah's Ark, or something? Why can't our "disagreeing-but-with-love" practice apply to exhibit booths, and let all the crawfish "perambles" be on display?

Anyway, it's just an idea, and my conscience is clear now. I have presented the case for the crawfishes at Conference. Too bad that, like that of the mud turtle and spring lizard, my "enfloons is pow'ful lackin'."—K.T.

me recognize my own real loss.

The church also needs to recognize that the father needs just as much support and care as the mother. He has lost someone too. It wasn't just something that happened to the mother's body. It was a very real death in the family.

A possibility for showing concern for the grieving family is to provide names and telephone numbers of support groups for parents who have lost children through miscarriage or stillbirth. One such group is called "Compassionate Friends." There did not happen to be such a group in my community. These groups help the parents to not feel all alone in their grief, to know that others are facing the same

loss. To open this door to them may be like throwing a life preserver to a drowning person.

Counseling parents after they've suffered a miscarriage should also be included in the training of our pastors at the seminary. Ministers often suffer from the same inability to console the grieving as do laity. They feel they should have the answers to the question "why?" There are no answers. There is only compassion and love to offer for healing.

Pastors also need to learn how to minister to each other. They suffer from the same human frailties and losses. Pastors and their wives often suffer from having to minister to their own.

God reaches out to us through other people. Sometimes, however, we are not open to God working through us. Jesus calls us to follow his example and be physically present for others when they are sick or in mourning. They are hurting too much to ask for us to meet their needs. It is a rare person who can say, "Please touch me, I'm hurting."

Where is God when we need God's healing presence? God is present in the church, in people. Where are we, the church, when those among us are in such pain that they are desperate for just a simple touch? □

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turning points

Licensing/Ordination

Baker, David Westworth, Jr., licensed June 5, 1983, Long Meadow, Md.-Ad.
Baldwin, Isaac, Nazarene ordination recognized, May 29, 1983, Buckingham, Missouri
Brown, Edward M., IV, ordained May 29, 1983, Franklin, Southeastern
Lewy, John Robert, licensed May 24, 1983, Times Run, Shenandoah
Foster, Harold Sanford, licensed May 15, 1983, Mendota, Missouri
Fry, Dorothy Winger, ordained June 5, 1983, Turkey Creek, No. Ind.
Goffin, Kathi D., ordained May 29, 1983, LaPorte, No. Ind.
Hendrick, Elmer, ordained June 5, 1983, Ottawa, Western Pa.
Mabey, Andrew John, licensed May 18, 1983, LaVerne, Pacific S.W.
Meyer, Lawrence Hensch, ordained May 29, 1983, First Center, Ill./Wis.
Muehlen, Timothy, ordained June 18, 1983, Lakewood, So./Central Ind.
Novak, Steve Jeffrey, licensed June 18, 1983, Lake Bruce, No. Ohio
Okey, Leah Lynn, licensed June 12, 1983, Columbia, Oakland Mills, Md.-Ad.
Reynolds, Norman L., ordained June 12, 1983, New Paris, So./Central Ind.
Van Housen, Steven Wayne, ordained June 12, 1983, Blue River, No. Ind.

Pastoral Placements

Bly, Fred M., from other de-

nomination, to Fresno, Pacific S.W., senior pastor
Bolton, Bradley C., from Bethany, to Brook Park, No. Ohio
Bovman, Harold L., from Cloverdale, Virginia, to Buena Vista, Shenandoah
Brewer-Claude, Deanna, from secular, to SkyrIDGE, Michigan
Crawmont, Wilmer, from Troutville, Virginia, to Staunton, Shenandoah
Eberle, George D., from Albright, Middle Pa., to Webster, Ark. N.E.
Ehlers, (Paul) Joseph, from Beaver Dam, Md.-Ad., to Frenchburg, Md.-Ad.
Flax, Emerson S., from Mid-Ad., to Valley Pike, Shenandoah
Flax, J. Melvin, from Bethany, to Frimingham Bethel, Western Pa.
Fisher, Chester L., from Old Furnace, West Wawa, to Lorain Chapel, Shenandoah
Goffin, Kathi, from Bethany, to Sebring, Fla./P.R., associate
Goffin, W. LeRoy, from chaplain and secular, to The Palms, Fla./P.R., chaplain
Husler, Richard, from Lancaster seminary, to Wauseonville, Western Pa.
Hibey, Dean, from Bethany, to Elkhart Valley, No. Ind.
Huggert, John B., from Bethany, to Champaign, Ill./Wis.
Husler, Jonathan C., from Glade Valley, Md.-Ad., to Harrisburg, Ridgeway, Ark. N.E.
Langewiesche, Samuel W., from retirement, to Staunton, Shenandoah, interim
McKinnel, James C., from Rockford, Ill./Wis., to Sun

Valley, Birmingham, Southeastern
Miller, Robert R., from Bethany, to Oakton, Md.-Ad.
Moyers, Clarence W., from Jarrow Ridge, Shenandoah, to Meadow Branch, Md.-Ad.
Owen, Kirby Lee, from Bethany, to Buffalo, Southern Pa.
Riedel, David Richard, from Koonick, Williamson Road, Virginia, to Midland, Md.-Ad.
Muehlen, Don, continue part-time at Bethany, to Washington City/LaPorte, No. Ind., part-time
May, Betty A., to Mount Joy, Virginia, part-time
Rosa, Jimmy, from Canton, Southern Pa., to Little, Ark. N.E., senior pastor
Blint, Lynn C., from chaplain, to Canton, Ill./Wis.
Sawyer, Kenneth Kline, from Bethany, to Highland Ave., Ill./Wis., associate full-time
Shawcross, Dennis, from Searcy Ridge, Shenandoah, to Gettysburg, Shenandoah
Watersworth, Chris, from secular, to York, First, Southern Pa., youth director
Whitford, Kathy F., from secular, to Beaver Creek, Southeastern, interim
Ziegler, Earl K., from Mechanic Grove, Ark. N.E., to District Executive, Ark. N.E.

Anniversaries

Baker, Frank and Alice, Waverford, Calif., 40
Dinner, Emerson and Thelma, Laura, Ohio, 50
Dinner, Harold and Martha, Phillipsburg, Ohio, 50
Ehlers, John and Ruby, New Madison, Ohio, 50
Hunsberry, Mr. and Mrs. Gil-

ford, McPherson, Kan., 40
Johnson, Russell and Clara, Waverford, Calif., 40
Jones, Charles and Mary, LaPorte, Ill., 50
Kuebler, Mr. and Mrs. Chris, Little, Pa., 60
Lohman, Harvey and Ruth, McPherson, Kan., 55
Lohman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Vinther, Pa., 60
Marchand, Earl and Dorothy, McPherson, Kan., 55
McKinney, J. Ray and Mary, Beaverton, Mich., 60
Parker, Delmar and Irene, Beaverton, Mich., 50
Rash, Orel and Irene, Waverford, Calif., 50
Rosa, Mr. and Mrs. Walter, Vinther, Pa., 50
Ute, Harley and Sylvia, Arcadia, Ohio, 60

Deaths

Ashewell, Kenneth W., 61, Sagadahoc, Pa., June 2, 1983
Baldough, Henry, 42, Arcadia, Ohio, May 28, 1983
Burger, Lawrence B., Thomas, V. Va., April 30, 1983
Berna, Leo F., 81, Elora, Ind., June 6, 1983
Cassell, Wiley, 73, Delphi, Ind., April 4, 1983
Chase, Ruby Mae, 82, LaPorte, Ill., May 5, 1983
Dewalt, Agnes, 94, Lebanon, Pa., June 3, 1983
Dial, Melba, 70, Elora, Va., May 2, 1983
Edwards, Iva Eye, 80, Harrisonburg, Va., May 1, 1983
Edwards, Olin W., 81, McPherson, Kan., June 13, 1983
Engelhard, L. Chester, 97, Everett, Pa., May 14, 1983
Flemming, John, 96, Oakland, Md., May 10, 1983
Gabelman, John Alvin, 86,

New Carlisle, Ohio, June 14, 1983
Gough, Margaret, 86, Glenorton, Calif., May 5, 1983
Good, Isaac, 61, Harrisburg, Va., April 21, 1983
Good, Virginia Sipe, 86, McClellanville, Va., Oct. 24, 1982
Hershenberger, Evelyn, 78, Vinther, Pa., April 5, 1983
Jensen, Margaret, 85, Greenville, Ohio, April 15, 1983
Jereb, Myrtle Halsey, 77, Port Republic, Va., April 8, 1983
Jones, J. Wesley, 102, Preston, Miss., May 1, 1983
Kaworth, Alice M., Delphi, Ind., Feb. 16, 1983
Kieck, Ralph Vernon, 69, Troutman, Va., May 2, 1983
Kiss, Dorothy B., 75, Nettville, Pa., June 1, 1983
Lohman, Robert W., Vinther, Pa., April 28, 1983
Mawer, Eva, 67, Lebanon, Pa., May 22, 1983
Mordley, Vernon J., 81, South Bend, Ind., June 14, 1983
Paul, Ruth, 94, Fort Wayne, Ind., May 25, 1983
Powers, Herbert W., 77, Edinburg, Ohio, June 6, 1983
Riggs, Virginia Miller, 70, Dayton, Va., May 5, 1983
Slack, Wilma, 77, Vignettes, Pa., May 25, 1983
Saulsbaugh, Ezra, 97, Eggleston, Va., April 10, 1983
Waller, Otto H., 94, South Bend, Ind., May 16, 1983
Wampler, Harold, 69, Waco, Covington, Va., Nov. 22, 1982
Wampler, Ruby Odell, 81, Bridgeport, Va., June 25, 1983
Wenger, Mrs. Paul, 77, Leola, Pa., May 19, 1983
Weyant, Anna M., 73, Roanoke Spring, Pa., May 8, 1983
Whitacre, Jennings, 61, Ridgeley, W. Va., June 16, 1983

Let's raise the cost of war

How easily we assume that life is simple and happy for ordinary people in faraway places, and how quickly those people can be reached by war . . . our western, *first-world* version of it.

A few years back I had a Central America assignment that called for a sidetrip to El Salvador. (See "Song of Jocoaitique," September 1977.) I recall now, with grim irony, that I told friends, "This is the first time I've been to a country I knew nothing about beforehand." I recall with further irony that on that carefree trip I even hitchhiked on the Pan-American Highway, innocent of impending disaster for El Salvador.

Several years before that trip, I showed up one day in N'djamena, the drowsy little mud-walled capital of the central African country of Chad. Driving into town with no idea where to lodge, our party decided to look up the American embassy and seek its counsel. We turned in at a gate with an American emblem on it, only to discover it was not the embassy but the ambassador's residence.

Sweaty, dirty, and quite casually dressed from our desert ride, we tried politely to retreat. But a gracious African servant welcomed us in and insisted we sit and await the ambassador's arrival.

Several minutes later, we were emptying our drink glasses for the third or fourth time, when the ambassador walked in . . . as casually dressed as we were (but cleaner). He had been strolling by the river in the relative cool of the late afternoon. "Nothing ever happens here," he explained, obviously delighted to see six Brethren Volunteer Service guys on his verandah. "My stroll is the big event of the day."

I wonder if today's US ambassador to Chad takes evening strolls along the cool green banks of the Shari.

Who would have imagined a few years back ever seeing Chad in big headlines on the front page of US newspapers? Yet the Reagan administration has committed \$25 million in military aid to that remote country, which exports virtually nothing, has almost no mineral resources, and is of negligible strategic value to any country. American AWACS radar planes scan the Saharan skies, and in that once drowsy town of N'djamena, US military "advisers" are busy teaching Chadian soldiers how to use Redeye missiles against Libyan aircraft.

A cartoon in *West Africa* magazine says it eloquently: Tanks bear down from all directions on a cowering peasant, who quavers, "Why me? I can't help being a Chadian."

No, he can't. And because he can't, my conscience as a Christian and as a citizen of a war-exporting country is heavily burdened.

The 4.6 million Chadians are an amalgam of religious and ethnic groups that were arbitrarily united by French colonial rule. Joined within an artificial boundary are the nomadic Muslim culture of the Sahara and the black African traditions of Christians and animists on the farmlands of the south. Like neighboring Sudan (where Brethren are engaged in mission), Chad began its internal struggle as a north/south conflict. Now it is a power struggle between two Muslim warlords.

To the north, in Libya, Colonel Moammar Qaddafi (who rules over people who can't help being Libyans), covets at least the northern borderland of Chad and is intervening in the war. As for the US presence, our government apparently feels that Chad is important to its Middle East strategy, since it is neighbor to our allies in Sudan and Egypt. And, besides, the US can't stand Colonel Qaddafi.

So once more, by proxy at least, each of us in this country is supporting calamity on innocent people as our government helps to introduce them to warfare US style. I have few illusions about persuading *any* government to avoid war for moral considerations. It jars my Christian sensibilities that our own government apparently can be dissuaded from war only by a calculation of the pragmatic political costs of a protracted struggle. That certainly seems the case in Central America and, if the Chadian conflict continues to worsen, I assume the same would hold true there.

If the political cost is what gives President Reagan pause, let us in the churches do what we can to make that cost as dear as possible. The best war news I have read lately was a statement by the White House blaming the news media and the churches for "continuing public ignorance of and opposition to the administration's (war) strategy." That "ignorance" leaves me positively blissful. —K.T.

Licensing/ Ordination

Davis, F. Mikel, licensed March 22, 1983, Donnels Creek, So. Ohio

Dubbe, Carol Cave, licensed June 26, 1983, Big Swatara, Atl. N.E.

Hironimus, Bertha, licensed June 12, 1983, Ligonier, Western Pa.

Shoemaker, Timothy, licensed June 26, 1983, Eaton, So. Ohio

Smith, Shyrl Reynolds, ordained June 19, 1983, South Fork, Shenandoah

Wilson, James Michael, licensed June 19, 1983, Liberty, Ill./Wis.

Pastoral Placements

Bowser, Mark B., from Fellowship Mid-Atl., to Mathias, Shenandoah

Brumbaugh, Lillian, to Denton, Mid-Atl., part-time

Carter, Phyllis N., from District Executive, Fla./P.R., to Goshen City, No. Ind.

Freeman, Wendell, from other denomination, to Knob Creek, Southeastern

Glick, J. D., from Troy, So. Ohio, to Harrisonburg, Shenandoah

Gohn, Greg, to Middle Creek, Western Pa.

Groth, John F., from Yellow Creek, No. Ind., to Westernport, West Marva

Long, John D., from Meadow Branch, Mid-Atl., to York, First, Southern Pa.

Morphy, Timothy K. S., from Bethany Seminary, to West Charleston, So. Ohio

Anniversaries

Anstine, William A. and **Florence**, Hartville, Ohio, 61

Baker, Clair and **Orpha**, Curryville, Pa., 60

Brumbaugh, Eli and **Emma W.**, Martinsburg, Pa. 52

Brumbaugh, Raymond and **Berdella**, Hartville, Ohio, 57

Burket, Herman and **Mac**, Martinsburg, Pa., 50

Burket, Wilson and **Freda R.**, Martinsburg, Pa., 57

Clapper, Ralph and **Mary K.**, Martinsburg, Pa., 51

Dunlap, Percy and **Rosetta**, Phoenixville, Pa., 60

Fake, Sylvester and **Esther**, Bethel, Pa., 50

Gebhardt, Harvey and **Anne**, Oaks, Pa., 59

Hartman, Galen and **Dorothy**, Annville, Pa., 50

Hendricks, Herald H. and **Vera M.**, Adrian, Mich., 65

Holsinger, Paul and **Helen S.**, Martinsburg, Pa., 58

Kagarise, I. Harvey and **Alice S.**, Martinsburg, Pa., 57

Knox, Charles and **Esther**, Port Providence, Pa., 59

Myers, Roy and **Alvina**, Hartville, Ohio, 61

Petry, Earl and **Lizzy**, West Manchester, Ohio, 70

Smith, Robert and **Helem**, Oaks, Pa., 59

Swinehart, Edgar and **Dorothy**, Ashland, Ohio, 60

Wareham, Irvin and **Esther F.**, Roaring Spring, Pa., 60

Deaths

Armantrout, Rea, 55, Modesto, Calif., Sept. 13, 1982

Auchterman, Genevieve, 80, Hollidaysburg, Pa., June 13, 1983

Baker, Herbert, 57, Goshen, Ind., May 27, 1983

Beeler, Trix, 85, Parsons, Kan., May 9, 1983

Bennington, Leroy, 73, Washburn, Ill., April 14, 1983

Bernhard, Howard W., 72, Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 27, 1983

Burnidge, Luella Z., 72, Elgin, Ill., Aug. 4, 1983

Click, Sudie, 99, New Hope, Va., Feb. 5, 1983

Crist, Daniel Floyd, 87, Quinter, Kan., Aug. 3, 1983

Evans, Elizabeth M., 81, Huntsdale, Pa., April 17, 1983

Foltz, Orville M., 81, Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 7, 1982

Hardman, Andrew, 81, Sparland, Ill., Jan. 5, 1983

Hare, Joseph, 67, Lowpoint, Ill., Feb. 7, 1983

Henry, Helen, 67, Goshen, Ind., June 6, 1983

Hicks, Grady W., 87, Boones Mill, Va., Dec. 2, 1982

Holsinger, Cletus A., 86, New Hope, Va., June 23, 1983

Howes, Vernon, 58, Copemish, Mich., May 23, 1983

Knoll, Lloyd, 71, Lowpoint, Ill., March 1, 1983

Knotts, Evelyn E., 65, West Manchester, Ohio, June 30, 1983

May, Leonore, 81, Breezewood, Pa., July 14, 1983

Miller, Vola, 87, Wellman, Iowa, June 25, 1983

Myers, Waldron D., 67, Lititz, Pa., April 20, 1983

Niswander, Vertie E., 96, Cearfoss, Md., Oct. 5, 1982

Reeves, Pearl, 93, Olympia, Wash., June 23, 1983

Riley, Clyde, 68, Spring Grove, Pa., May 19, 1983

Shuppert, Irene, 86, North Liberty, Ind., June 16, 1983

Stroom, Kathryn Flora, 69, Floral City, Fla., Feb. 9, 1983

Weesner, Geraldine, 58, Harrisburg, Pa., July 21, 1983

Werstler, Chester A., 63, Greentown, Ohio, April 1, 1983

Workman, Glen K., 74, Massillon, Ohio, March 22, 1983

Zimmerman, Barbara, 87, Martinsburg, Pa., March 8, 1983

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able. Brethren, like Paul and centuries of Christians before us, know we are not saved by compliance with what even the faith community finds acceptable. We are saved by God's ever-new incarnate presence and Holy Spirit among us. By grace we are transformed to receive and be a blessing where we had felt ourselves guilty, judged, condemned, cast out by the community and God—or accusing, vindictive, judgmental in God's and the community's name.

God responds marvelously to what is unacceptable. God responds not to condemn but to re-create. In Genesis 3, it was unacceptable that Eve and Adam eat the forbidden fruit. God found and redeemed them. God did not undo the effects of what they had done. But they were transformed from guilty garden outcasts to stewards of God's creation. They were set in the world as "the mother of all living" and one whose sweat and labor would feed and nurture the living.

Throughout scripture, God's response to our unacceptable attitudes and behavior is re-creation. The harder things got, the more God participated in the human condition. Finally, God became human in Jesus Christ.

Even so, we Christians all do *unacceptable* things. We also disagree as to what is acceptable. Both experiences rend the fabric of communal love and covenant. The church suffers, congregations suffer, families suffer, persons suffer.

But the church—members of the body of Christ committed to spread abroad God's saving presence in all creation—knows what is acceptable. We see and know what is acceptable in witnessing, receiving, and participating in God's response to the unacceptable. However painful, costly, and short of embodying our confessions is our life together, it is acceptable and indeed good that Brethren go with God into *unacceptable situations and no persons who do unacceptable things*. For God has, from the beginning of human memory and choice, entered in to and dwelt among us in our *unacceptable* places, behavior and attitudes.

We deeply desire to return to or restore the garden, to go back to how we believe things were *before* pain, chaos, crisis, "the fall." But from the beginning, God responds to what is *unacceptable* by transforming rather than restoring. Biblical ethics therefore looks forward to God's new creation rather than back to our lost treasure when God's people find themselves in the midst of what is unacceptable. Whether from Genesis 3, Israel's exile, or Jesus' crucifixion, we know God brings salvation into our chaos, making things new, when we confess that the old we treasured has passed away and we dwell in unacceptable territory.

Who can fail to love and magnify the Lord who saves creation by re-creation in the face of overwhelming human unacceptabilities—even in betrayal, denial, and death? Blessed be God whose unspeakable compassion is pleased to dwell in our midst, transforming our unacceptability. □

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Bruce Wood

Unwrapping the Bible

The June editorial, "The Bible Wrapped in Cellophane," referred to a 20-minute multi-image slide presentation at the Christian Science Center in Boston. The editor reported how the slide presentation opened up understanding for him, so that "the Word was a lamp unto my feet, not a rule book that I couldn't read in the dark." Then a few days later, back at his office, he received mail concerning a "Year of the Bible," with suggestions for observing it from "an apparently self-appointed National Committee."

I also have some serious questions about a joint resolution of Congress and a proclamation of the President calling for a national year of the Bible or of the Koran or of the Hindu Vedas or any other sacred writings. The variety of religions in our country is too great to make any

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heard mentioned the reaction Jesus might have in this situation. What do you think Jesus would say about overeating? It isn't hard to imagine Jesus teaching against any practice that would lead to obesity. I'm sure he was in prime physical condition, considering his fasting and general

philosophy of abstinence. If he, then, is our example, our decision should be clear.

I would suppose that there are few healthy people who don't like to eat, to whom eating is distasteful. It's not only an enjoyable function, it's necessary to maintain life—God intended it so. But to sus-

tain life—and properly as God intended—the ingesting of food must be done with judgment as well as joy. Let's put as much effort into control and discretion as we do into enjoyment. □

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161th BVS Orientation Unit

(Orientation completed Aug. 14, 1983)

Beahm, Martha, Nokesville, Va., to Western Ave. Community Center, Bloomington, Ill.

Bechtel, Julie, Hollidaysburg, Pa., to Fahrney-Keedy Memorial Home, Boonsboro, Md.

Carpenter, Kevin, LaPorte, Ind., to Teen Challenge Training Center, Rehersburg, Pa.

Clark, Brian, Davis, Calif., to Kindred House, Des Moines, Iowa

Cerry, Christina, Glen Mills, Pa., to IFOR, Holland

Cox, Audrey, Lancaster, Pa., to Hospital General Castaner, Castaner, P.R.

Cunningham, Joan, of Quarryville, Pa., to Insights Project, Portland, Ore.

de Witte, Ad, of Netherlands, to Casa de Modesto, Modesto, Calif.

Dalabaum, Nana, of Elgin, Ill., to Fraternal Worker Program, West Germany

Heggenstaller, Lucy, of Loganston, Pa., to Food Preservation Center, New Windsor, Md.

Heisel, Gail, of Modesto, Calif., to Near Eastside Multi-Service Center, Indianapolis, Ind.

Hornbaker, Patricia, of Hutchinson, Kan., to Washington Office, Washington, D.C.

Hosstetter, David, of Hershey, Pa., to Refugee Program, New Windsor, Md.

Kirkpatrick, Dawn, of Cutler, Ind., to Prince of Peace Child Care Center, Denver, Colo.

Klahre, Michael, of Everett, Pa., to MESSENGER, Elgin, Ill.

May, Kim, of Bridgewater, Va., to Bar 41 Ranch, Wilbur, Wash.

McKenna, Gemma, of Northern Ireland, to Shalom Ministries, Chicago, Ill.

Meyer, Richard, of Eliza-

bethtown, Pa., to Poland Ninsley, Michael, of Harrisburg, Pa., to New Windsor Service Center, New Windsor, Md.

Peel, Cynthia, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, to Lend-A-Hand, Walker, Ky.

Rhoades, Jesse, of Daleville, Va., to Kokokahi Hunger Model, Kaneohe, Hawaii

Rhoades, Suzanne, of Daleville, Va., to Kokokahi Hunger Model, Kaneohe, Hawaii

Saltom, Edward, of London, U.K., to Brethren Village, Lancaster, Pa.

Wagoner, Kevin, of LaVerne, Calif., to Connecticut Food Bank, New Haven, Conn.

Licensing/Ordination

Beck, Jeffrey Alan, ordained July 24, 1983, Middletown, So. Ohio

Brenneman, Jerry Dean, ordained August 14, 1983, Columbia City, No. Ind.

Burkholder, Connie R., ordained June 26, 1983, Chambersburg, Southern Pa.

Cupp, O. Sharon, licensed Sept. 4, 1983, Mill Creek, Shenandoah

Deffenbaugh, E. Todd, licensed June 19, 1983, Glendale, Pacific S.W.

Detwiler, Samuel K., ordained Jan. 23, 1983, Wiley, W. Plains

Dietz, Paul E., ordained July 10, 1983, Arbutus, Western Pa.

Kim, Ick Won, Korean Methodist ordination received, Aug. 14, 1983, Pacific S.W.

Moore, Edwin Jr., licensed July 24, 1983, Uniontown, Western Pa.

Repine, Thomas W., Church of God ordination received, July 17, 1983, Penn Run, Western Pa.

Rasmussen, Dan David, licensed July 10, 1983, Pleasant View, No. Ohio

Smeltzer, Kenneth Kline, licensed June 26, 1983, Washington City, Mid-Atl.

Sollenberger, Nancy, licensed

July 3, 1983, Annville, Atl.N.E.

Thomas, Paul Ellis Jr., licensed July 24, 1983, Pleasant Chapel, No. Ind.

Wilder, Earl James III, ordained July 24, 1983, Pasadena, Pacific S.W.

Yeater, Norman D., licensed July 17, 1983, Lost Creek, Southern Pa.

Ziegler, Esther Rittle, ordained July 31, 1983, Harrisburg Ridgeway, Atl.N.E.

Pastoral Placements

Alexander, James, from other denomination and Iliff Seminary, to Bethel, W. Plains, part-time

Bowman, David Lee, from Oakton, Mid-Atl., to Glade Valley, Mid-Atl.

Bowser, Roy, from secular, to Rockton, Western Pa., part-time

Endsack, Warren M., from West York, Southern Pa., to District Executive, Southern Pa.

George, Ivan, from other denomination, to Los Angeles, Imperial Heights, Pacific S.W., interim

Gillis, Tommy Lynn, from secular, to Cedar Creek, South-eastern, part-time

Guest, William, from secular other denomination, to Flint First, Michigan, parttime

Hall, Richard, from York Madison, Southern Pa., to Hopewell, Virginia

Johnson, James, from other denomination, to New Haven, Michigan

Johnson, John, from Nanty Glo, Western Pa., to Sugar Run, Middle Pa.

Lehman, Clyde, from LaPlace, Ill./Wis., to Kansas City, First Central, W. Plains

McCauley, Mark, from Bethany Seminary, to Midland, Michigan

Miller, Debra, from secular, to Mount Morris, Ill./Wis., youth worker

Plattier, Fenton, from Selma, Virginia, to Pleasant Dale, Vir-

lina, part-time

Ringgold, Daniel S., from Bethany, Mid-Atl., to Fellowship, Mid-Atl.

Stanford, Glenn, from New Church Development, No. San Diego, Pacific S.W., to Garden City, W. Plains

Stovall, Earl F., from Rocky Mount, Virginia, to Saunders Grove, Virginia

Street, Gary, from other denomination, to Big Sky, No. Plains

Talley, Delmar, from other denomination, to Seattle, Lakewood, Oreg./Wash., interim

Wine, Jacob C., from Birmingham Sun Valley, South-eastern, to Mount Zion Road, Atl. N.E.

Anniversaries

Bales, Elwood and Ida, Warrensburg, Mo., 60

Bradford, Milton and Claudine, Oaks, Pa., 59

Crosse, Clifford and Esther, Queen Anne, Md., 60

Dilling, Elmer C. and Olive K., Martinsburg, Pa., 53

Grimes, G. Albert and Hannah S., Martinsburg, Pa., 52

Heldenbrand, Charles and Ila, Hartville, Ohio, 60

Hochstetler, Homer and Viola, Ashland, Ohio, 55

Keener, Franklin and Kathryn, Ashland, Ohio, 54

Keener, Orra and Evelyn, Ashland, Ohio, 55

Oswald, Maynard and Dorothy, Hartville, Ohio, 50

Rusch, Kenneth and Faith, Ottumwa, Iowa, 50

Sheak, Charles and Mary, East Petersburg, Pa., 50

Stern, Luke and Frances, Martinsburg, Pa., 53

Stickler, Russell and Ethel, Hartville, Ohio, 57

Wareham, Paul and Ruth F., Martinsburg, Pa., 53

Yerger, Paul and Frances, Mont Clare, Pa., 50

Deaths

Blystone, Barry, 23, Huntsville, Tex., July 11, 1983

Bookwalter, Donald, 78, Sarasota, Fla., Aug. 3, 1983

Booth, Ada L., 94, Flora, Ind., July 18, 1983

Bowman, Peter, 88, Cordova, Md., June 25, 1983

Cable, Myra, 81, Cerro Gordo, Ill., June 8, 1983

Carbaugh, Julia M., 81, Williamsport, Md., July 3, 1983

Cheeseman, Della, 91, Milledgeville, Ill., July 16, 1983

Dunlap, Dessa Berry, 84, Hollidaysburg, Pa., July 6, 1983

Ebling, Amos S., 86, Ridgely, Md., July 18, 1983

Foster, Isabelle Edith, 97, Glendora, Calif., July 11, 1983

Greenzweig, Ethel, 85, Parsons, Kan., May 11, 1983

Hippensteel, Sylvia Stover, 60, Waynesboro, Pa., July 23, 1983

Hoke, Ruby M., 85, Orlando, Fla., June 28, 1983

Holderred, Melba, 92, Cushing, Okla., July 12, 1983

Horst, Robert E., 65, Harrisonburg, Va., July 2, 1983

Keithley, David R., 52, Roaring Spring, Pa., May 6, 1983

Kinsley, Mary F., 88, New Carlisle, Ohio, July 8, 1983

Knaus, Harry G. Sr., 86, Mannheim, Pa., June 19, 1983

Knotts, Martha, 75, Hambleton, W. Va., Aug. 3, 1983

Kreider, Preston, 70, Milledgeville, Ill., July 24, 1983

Mace, Clarence P., 63, Waynesboro, Pa., July 21, 1983

Mason, George, 67, Chehalis, Wash., July 23, 1983

Miller, Jacob Daniel, 97, Oakridge, Ore., July 11, 1983

Rudolph, Lessie Marie Smith, 95, Eden, N.C., July 27, 1983

Stalder, Noah, 84, Cerro Gordo, Ill., June 2, 1983

Stover, Howard, 77, Milledgeville, Ill., Aug. 16, 1983

Toms, Lisa Ann, 20, Victoria, Tex., July 9, 1983

Traverse, Marcia, 93, Polo, Ill., July 9, 1983

Turner, Charles, 49, Schwenksville, Pa., July 5, 1983

Weis, Lawrence, 72, Swanton, Ohio, July 26, 1983

Wenger, Ida, 91, Elgin, Ill., July 16, 1983

Whitmer, Charles L., 54, N. Liberty, Ind., July 14, 1983

Wolf, Ruth M., 76, Hartville, Ohio, June 17, 1983

Going forth with power endued

A recent visitor to my office gave me a small lesson in evangelism. Meeting her for the first time, and never having heard of her before, I found her a remarkable person . . . in several ways. She had been born in poverty and deprivation. Later, as a middle-age housewife without a high school diploma, she pursued further education. That pursuit led to a master's degree and two Ph.Ds and a career in college teaching. Unfortunately, she is also remarkable in that she is a black member of the Church of the Brethren, part of a distinct minority.

Upon learning that she had become Brethren just a few years ago, I asked her how she came to join this predominantly white denomination. Her answer surprised me. She joined a congregation just four blocks from her home, liking it because "no matter who you are economically or socially, in this church you have an equal opportunity to participate."

I had never thought about someone liking the Church of the Brethren for that characteristic. I felt a bit the way I have on occasions when students of a quarter century ago have told me of some act, small but meaningful, that I did for them as their teacher. In most cases, I don't even remember the incident, but I marvel that so unwittingly I touched someone's life for good.

The Church of the Brethren is sort of like that, and our evangelistic work suffers because of it. Unwittingly, it seems, we do good works that we should turn to our advantage in making "gains for the kingdom."

Two years ago, I got a letter from an editor of *A.D.* magazine, James A. Gittings, a friend of the Church of the Brethren. I printed the letter in the August 1981 *MESSENGER*.

In it, Jim says of the Church of the Brethren, "There is a particular part of Christian turf that belongs to your community and to almost nobody else—a pacifist, activist, service-oriented, and corporately understood lifestyle and understanding of the believer's mandate that is implacably Christocentric and yet open to light from elsewhere. You Brethren are lovely people; it is a pity that you cannot believe it of yourselves."

After showing how our disbelief stunts our denomination's numerical growth, Jim concludes, "The fault in the Brethren whom I know is not that they do not love and serve Jesus. It is that they do not recognize the work of God's Holy Spirit when they see it in their own number, and thereby cheat themselves, and the world, of the sight and sound and joy of evident grace at a time when much else is dark."

As the cluster of articles on renewal and growth in this month's *MESSENGER* attest, the Church of the Brethren must become more intentional, more aggressive, more open in its approach to evangelism. Paul Munday says, "unfaithfulness is found not only in being 'inviting' (evangelistic) without being prophetic; it is also found in being prophetic without being 'inviting.'"

Tim Jones confirms that in his district (Virlina), Brethren have learned from the Renewal and Growth Plan that to grow means adopting new evangelistic methods and demonstrating one's faith more overtly.

We need to find what it is we do that could attract others to our denomination. For my new friend, it was providing equal opportunity for all to participate; for others, it may be something else. Then, we need to do those things well . . . and tell everyone "invitingly" what being Brethren can do for their lives.

The Church of the Brethren needs to grow, not so that we can boast of our numbers, but so that we can demonstrate by those numbers that we are effectively living out the lifestyle of the kingdom, and are following our Lord's injunction to introduce others to the light of that kingdom—the Lord, Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of his church.

At the Church Renewal and Growth luncheon at our Annual Conference in Baltimore, we sang with vigor that beautiful, moving hymn, "Renew Thy Church." It should be our theme song as we seek renewal and growth in the Church of the Brethren. May we go out to win others for Christ, singing sincerely, "O send us forth with power endued. Help us, Lord, be renewed."—K.T.

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above opinion of Brother Michael Rath:

MESSENGER intentionally reports on Annual Conference with articles that could be classed as "news analysis," rather than strict news reporting.

The material in the two boxes on pages 14 and 15 of the September MESSENGER was condensations of pertinent points from the adopted paper. "What Does the Church of the Brethren now Officially Say About Homosexuality?" was taken from the Conference Booklet, page 156, line 26 through page 159, line 14 (as amended). "How Are Brethren to React to Homosexuals?" was taken from page 159, lines 15-35.

The paper calls for "engaging in open, forthright conversations with homosexuals," to "venture toward understanding." For that reason, I believed MESSENGER readers needed to know about the Brethren Mennonite Council for Gay Concerns, and thus wrote the sidebar article about that organization (page 16).

Brother Rath makes two errors of fact that need correcting. First, his statement implies that Kerby Lauderdale spoke on an amendment that passed. In fact, he spoke in favor of a proposed amendment that lost. (Looking back at my article, I see one weakness, which I regret: It does not state clearly enough what happened to

each amendment.)

Second, Brother Rath says, "The delegate body finally takes a stand on homosexuality by passing an amendment stating it is unacceptable as a Christian lifestyle . . ." In fact, that amendment (the only one made to the paper) does not state that homosexuality is unacceptable. It merely calls "covenantal relationships" between homosexuals unacceptable to the church.

In pointing this out, however, I don't mean to imply that the paper as a whole puts a stamp of approval on homosexuality. One has to read this controversial position paper very carefully to avoid misinterpreting it. —Ed.

turning points

162nd BVS Orientation Unit

(Orientation completed Oct. 16, 1983)

Baldner, Ruth, Dallas Center, Iowa, to Eagle Valley Environmentalists, Apple River, Ill.

Berkenbosch, Lyle, Adel, Iowa, to Eagle Valley Environmentalists, Apple River, Ill.

Carter, Claudia, Daleville, Iowa, to National Moratorium on Prison Construction, Atlanta, Ga.

Chastala, Eva, Nashville, Tenn., to Friendship Day Care, Hutchinson, Kan.

Coppers, Patrick, Bradford, Ohio, to Church of the Brethren Home, Windber, Pa.

Cross, Roxanne, Springlake, Mich., to Hospital Castafer, Castafer, P.R.

Denn, Bruce, Elkhart, Ind., to Polish Agricultural Exchange Program, Poland

Faw, Robert, Richmond, Va., to Bar 41 Ranch, Wilbur, Wash.

Hamawalt, Carol, LaVerne, Calif., to United Campus Ministry, Warrensburg, Mo.

Irwin, Elisa, Ramulus, N.Y., to Washington City Church of the Brethren, Washington, D.C.

Keller, Lisa, No. Manchester, Ind., to Morningside Emergency Shelter, Brattleboro, Vt.

Miyashita, Eiko, Yokosuka-city, Japan, to Resource Center for Nonviolence, Santa Cruz, Calif.

Moyer, Stephanie, Harleysville, Pa., to Sykesville Shelter Home, Sykesville, Md.

Olson, Peter, Guerneville,

Calif., to "Witness for Peace in Nicaragua," Sojourners Peace Ministry, Washington, D.C.

Palmer, Mary, LaJunta, Colo., to Church of the Brethren Home, Windber, Pa.

Ripston, Rick, Ft. Wayne, Ind., to ARC Retreat Community, Stanchfield, Minn.

Snyder, Anna, Lombard, Ill., European assignment pending

Sweitzer, Sandra, Richmond, Ind., Haiti assignment pending

Tashada, Akemi, Fort Lee, N.J., to Family Crisis Center/Dundalk Church of the Brethren, Baltimore, Md.

Yammy, Kimberly, Dayton, Ohio, to Morningside Emergency Shelter, Brattleboro, Vt.

Yohn, Charles, Elgin, Ill., to Eagle Valley Environmentalists, Apple River, Ill.

Wood, Walter, Thorp, Wis., to Fahrney-Keady Memorial Home, Boonsboro, Md.

Licensing/Ordination

Bermosek, Geoffrey, licensed Oct. 9, 1983, Pleasant Hill, Western Pa.

Cassell, David, ordained Oct. 30, 1983, Weston, Ore./Wash. Ore./Wash.

Detner, Jerry, licensed Oct. 23, 1983, Greensburg, Western Pa.

Hirst, Kevin William, licensed Sept. 18, 1983, Pasadena, Pacific S.W.

Laycock, Catherine, ordained April 17, 1983, Whitestone, Ore./Wash.

Leas, Marta Celia, licensed Oct. 2, 1983, Los Angeles, Ladera, Pacific S.W.

McKinell, Letha M., licensed Aug. 21, 1983, Rockford, Ill./

Wis.
Shenar, Velma, licensed Oct. 16, 1983, Salem, So. Ohio
Sheller, Gayle, ordained June 12, 1983, Springfield, Ore./Wash.
Titus, Michael R., ordained Aug. 28, 1983, Grants, Pass, Ore./Wash.

Pastoral Placements

Berkdell, Stanley G., to Beaver Creek, Mid-Atl., Interim

Bauer, Gary W., from Natrona Heights, Western Pa., to Blue Ridge, Virginia

Cobb, Sharon, to Manassas, Mid-Atl., Christian Ed. Asst., part-time

Detrick, Joseph A., from Logansport, So./Central Indiana, to General Board Staff, Elgin, Ill.

Detrick, Ralph, from General Board staff, Elgin, Ill. to Chicago Douglas Park, Ill./Wis.

Deyerle, G. Ernest II, from secular, to Troutville, Virginia

Driver, Frederick A., from Peter's Creek, Virginia, to Germantown, Brick, Virginia

Firstbook, Clinton III, Rice Lake, Ill./Wis., to Cherry Grove, Ill./Wis.

Jeffrey, Charles, from other denomination/teaching, to Rice Lake, Ill./Wis.

Nagle, Joel, student from Lancaster Theological Seminary, to Hempfield, Atl. N.E., youth, minister, Christian ed.

Nagle, Kathie, student from Lancaster Theological Seminary, to Hempfield, Atl. N.E., youth, minister, Christian ed.

Nowak, Steve J., to Defiance, No. Ohio, part-time

Teegarden, Robert, from To-

peka, W. Plains, to Kansas City, Messiah, Missouri

Anniversaries

Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Edward, New Carlisle, Ohio, 60

Flora, Daniel J. and Stella, Boones Mill, Va., 62

Kreider, Bard and Esther, Lititz, Pa., 60

Deaths

Barnhart, S. L., 80, LaVerne, Calif., Sept. 24, 1983

Cler, Helen, 76, Canton, Ill., April 3, 1983

Coe, M. Gene, 56, North Manchester, Ind., July 6, 1983

Cooper, Edward E., 64, Johnstown, Pa., Sept. 1, 1983

Craus, Everett E., 67, Bridge-water, Va., Oct. 11, 1983

Dumpson, Florence, 80, Capistrano Beach, Calif., Sept. 9, 1983

Elke, Lloyd, 84, Louisville, Ohio, July 15, 1983

Filbrun, Howard E., 67, Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 21, 1983

Freed, Harvey Wesley, 62, Ankeny, Iowa, Aug. 3, 1983

Gilbert, Walter, 83, LaVerne, Calif., Sept. 6, 1983

Hasawalt, Pearl, 96, LaVerne, Calif., Dec. 27, 1982

Harsh, Effie A., 91, Egton, W.Va., Oct. 21, 1983

Hess, Vesta, 79, Johnstown, Pa., Sept. 25, 1983

Johns, Elizabeth, 83, Canton, Ill., May 4, 1983

Keeler, Robert, 65, LaVerne, Calif., Aug. 4, 1983

Kindley, Edith, 86, McPherson, Kan., Oct. 5, 1983

Kinzle, Edna Burton, 83, Ankeny, Iowa, June 20, 1983

Lermineux, Albert Sr., 57, Johnstown, Pa., Sept. 7, 1983

Ludlum, Ira, 82, Canton, Ill., Feb. 23, 1983

McNamee, Mrs. Stanley, 80, Waterloo, Iowa, Sept. 24, 1983

Metcalf, Mina, 84, Beaverton, Mich., Sept. 15, 1983

Miller, Adin L., 91, North Manchester, Ind., June 18, 1983

Miller, Ted, 91, Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 11, 1983

Nathan, Nora, 95, LaVerne, Calif., Feb. 2, 1983

Parsonson, Carmen Grace, 60, Detroit, Mich., May 21, 1983

Royer, Bertha, 80, LaVerne, Calif., Dec. 4, 1982

Semlich, Lillian Linna, 79, Detroit, Mich., Sept. 18, 1983

Senger, Sylvia, 89, South English, Iowa, Sept. 29, 1983

Sharp, Faye, 85, Oakwood, Ohio, Oct. 24, 1983

Shull, Pearl Grosh, 89, St. Petersburg, Fl., May 28, 1983

Sink, Louise, 97, LaVerne, Calif., Sept. 14, 1983

Siedle, Vera, 64, Pittsburgh, Pa., July 10, 1983

Smallwood, Lillie, 78, Oakland, Calif., Sept. 24, 1983

Smith, Merton T., 75, Union Bridge, Md., Oct. 7, 1983

Stouder, Opal, 85, LaVerne, Calif., Nov. 16, 1982

Talley, Blanche, 91, Wilmington, Del., Sept. 10, 1983

Thomas, Lewis E., 72, Bean Station, Tenn., Aug. 12, 1983

Weaver, S. Clyde, 82, Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 28, 1983

Werstler, Gerald C., 64, Hartsville, Ohio, Aug. 23, 1983

Westerfield, Lizzie, 87, Canton, Ill., Nov. 5, 1982

Wolters, Harry J., 73, McPherson, Kan., Oct. 1, 1983

Zinn, Verley K., 74, New Carlisle, Ohio, Oct. 4, 1983

The importance of myths is no myth

I didn't watch much of the stuff on TV or read much in the press this past fall tagged to the 20th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Not that Kennedy wasn't a hero for me. I'm just ornery enough to resist getting sucked into things by the mass media. No, instead, I did my own marking of the event, and re-examined my own memories.

Much has been made of the Kennedy "myth," of "the thousand days," and of "Camelot." People argue about Kennedy's performance as President and point out inconsistencies between the Kennedy of the myth and the Kennedy portrayed by critical historians.

I am an unabashed subscriber to the myth. The history buff in me appreciates the work of those historians who help to set the record straight. But please don't try to destroy the myth for me. I *need* the Kennedy I remember, the Kennedy who inspired me, the Kennedy who made me feel I was part of our government, the Kennedy who convinced me that our government could work for good.

Like many people of my generation, I experienced Kennedy's death as a death in "the family" and I have never been quite the same since. Kennedy as I perceived and experienced him, as I *remember* him, is important. I don't need to know all the history about him.

A *real* death in the family was that of my father four years ago. Certainly the father I know and remember does not match the actual person. In my memory I have created a "myth" about him, selecting only the images and perceptions I want to keep, the ones useful to me in responding as my father's son.

Is it not the same with our relationship to Jesus Christ? The Gospels do not give us the complete historical Jesus. A wise person once said that what we read in history is not a record of what actually happened, but a record of what was remembered.

The Gospels were not written until many years after Jesus' death. His life, his sayings were remembered, and passed on by word of mouth. By the time the Gospels were written, the "facts" were no longer consistently recalled; the exact chronology of Jesus' life was forgotten. They were, in truth, not even considered that important. What we have preserved in the Gospels is a myth, in a sense. But the myth is all we need. Who would argue that a detailed, chronologically exact biography of Jesus would increase or strengthen

our Christian faith?

Columnist Bill Granger wrote, for me, the best piece on the Kennedy anniversary. In his column on JFK's impact, he carried on an imaginary interview between himself and an under-25 youth. The youth cannot grasp the significance of the Kennedy of the myth.

Granger tries to explain. The youth listens, but argues that Kennedy "didn't do nothing."

Granger says that's not the point: "The important thing is what he said and how he said it and how alive he made us feel and how good he made us feel about the country and being part of it. When he said the torch had been passed to a new generation of Americans, it wasn't just a great line, he meant people like me."

He goes on explaining what Kennedy meant to him: "When he talked about peace, we listened to him because peace seemed like a real thing, as real as war. It seemed one could reach out and touch it if one tried hard enough."

The youth of the 1980s still is unconvinced. So Granger tries once more: "I mean, that's the way we saw him. And he made us all feel as if we were becoming part of something bigger than just ourselves or our families or our lives in the neighborhood. That's why everyone cried when Kennedy was killed. When he lost his life, we lost a part of ourselves. When he was killed, youth ended. When he died, dreams died. It was the worst thing that could have happened . . . and it happened."

But that's enough of the Granger column. Can't you hear the Apostles using virtually the same lines when *their* hero was killed, when the "worst thing that could happen" *did* happen?

The exciting thing—and what makes all the difference for us as Christians—is that the Kennedy myth can only leave us sad. The Jesus myth leaves us jubilant with happiness. In the Jesus myth, the "impossible" happens. It isn't all over. Jesus lives. If we believe that, then it isn't the end of the world. It's the beginning!

So, don't deny me my myths. There is a Kennedy behind and beyond the Kennedy of public record. And whether we are talking of heroes such as JFK, or the supreme hero of our faith, Jesus Christ, the person we understand from our memory—the myth—is ultimately the most important. —K.T.

world family prevailed and I felt that I truly had gone "to all the nations." My barriers soon melted away.

Many of the refugees came highly skilled, and others were unskilled. Yet all were eager to start again in jobs that many of us would consider demeaning. They hope to become self-supporting.

I found myself easily befriending these people. Though their experiences were drastically different from mine, I soon became very involved in their problems and joys. Most of my teaching came not in the classroom, but in our sharing and eating meals with one another. We enjoyed time spent traveling on our field trips to different stores, swimming, and to the supermarket.

A wide range of denominations and faiths was represented. Being able to share my faith has not been easy for me. Nor was I, as an English teacher, to "evangelize" (this made for a good "safe" job). Yet, many times the refugees brought up the subject during class.

They were often surprised that my job was a non-paying one, and I frequently

was asked why I did it. I then had the opportunity to share what Jesus meant to me and what I felt about the Church of the Brethren. I also found out a great deal about other world religions.

The two things that surprised me most about the refugees were the trust and the hope they had. After going through what most of them had to deal with, I think I would have been very leery of strangers. Yet, after one or two days, complete trust was given to me.

For example, a Cambodian family had a baby with an infected foot. We had to clean it daily and apply a clean bandage. Though the baby didn't like it, the parents gave their child to me to take and have the foot tended. The openness of their questions and the concerns they shared were ones that aren't normally shared with a "stranger."

The refugees' outlook on the future was a constant amazement to me. While we often wonder what tomorrow will bring, they eagerly looked forward to it. (What a

lesson for a Christian here.) The freedom that I take for granted was to them a new-found jewel. The anticipation of starting their lives anew and being able to work was a joy to them.

What started out at the beginning of the summer as "Brethren duty" became an inspiring growth period for me. Being a volunteer definitely broadened my sense of brotherhood. It has taught me to be more receptive and loving toward all of God's children.

When a refugee left for his new home, the mixed feelings of his joy combined with the sadness of leaving a friend also became my joy and sadness. It enabled me to share more of my time, my talents, and myself. Yes, God changed a duty to a blessing.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta was once asked why she worked with dying Hindus. She replied, "Because I see Jesus in the eyes of those suffering people." I now understand what she meant. □

Bob Roach of Black Rock Church of the Brethren, Brodbeck, Pa., teaches elementary school in Westminster, Md., and volunteered three days a week last summer at the New Windsor Service Center.

turning points

Do you have information for Turning Points? For anniversaries, please give the first name of husband and wife, town and state of residence, and number of years married (50 years or more only). For deaths, give the name; town and state of residence at time of death; age; and month, day, and year of death.

Send information to MESSENGER, Turning Points, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120.

Licensing/Ordination

Alexander, James, licensed Nov. 20, 1983, Bethel, W. Plains

Benesh, Gary Lee, ordained Nov. 13, 1983, Friendship, Southeastern

Bowser, Roy, ordained Nov. 20, 1983, Center Hill, Western Pa.

Boyer, Bryan L., licensed Nov. 13, 1983, LaVerne, Pacific S.W.

Brockway, Wayne Eugene, licensed Dec. 11, 1983, Center, No. Ohio

Crago, Florence, licensed Nov. 18, 1983, Colorado Springs Fellowship, W. Plains

Ford, Charles Wesley, ordained Dec. 18, 1983, Melvin Hill, Southeastern

Freeman, Wendell Lee, Christian Church ordination received, Oct. 29, 1983, Southeastern

Hicks, William Frederick, ordained Dec. 4, 1983, Mountain Valley, Southeastern

Lenker, Charles E., ordained Nov. 20, 1983, Newville,

Southern Pa.
Marsh, Robert Joseph, licensed Nov. 6, 1983, Panther Creek, Ill./Wis.

Miller, Jerry L., ordained Nov. 13, 1983, Jennersville, Atl. N.E.

Oxenreider, Kirby L., ordained Dec. 11, 1983, Myerstown, Atl. N.E.

Pfeffer, Mary Lou, licensed Oct. 30, 1983, Natrona Heights, Western Pa.

Ritchey, Dorothy, licensed Nov. 13, 1983, Mexico, So./Central Ind.

Sheaffer, Charles, ordained Nov. 6, 1983, Tuscarora, Southern Pa.

Slothour, Wilbur M., ordained Oct. 16, 1983, Upper Conewago, Southern Pa.

Tyner, (Ira) Larry, licensed Dec. 11, 1983, Arbor Hill, Shenandoah

Pastoral Placements

Branson, Merrill C., from Oakdale, Western Pa., to Bethel/Greenville, Western Pa.,

youth pastor
Brockway, Wayne, from secular, to East Nimishillen, No. Ohio, part-time

Day, William, to Rockwood, Western Pa.

English, Curtis, from Danville, Emmanuel-interim, Virgina, to Danville, Emmanuel, Virgina, full-time

George, Ivan, from Imperial Heights-interim, Pacific S.W., to Imperial Heights, Pacific S.W., full-time

Masser, Glen, from other denomination, to Ross, No. Ohio, interim part-time

Noffsinger, Ross, from retirement, to Clovis, So. Plains, interim

Rhen, James H., to Mill Creek, Shenandoah, part-time assistant

Snyder, Kurt, to Mountain View, Mid-Atlantic

Anniversaries

Breidenbaugh, Lewis and Edna, Long Green, Md., 50

Eshleman, Earl and Miriam, Elizabethtown, Pa., 62

Garrison, Charles and Cora, Palmyra, Pa., 74

Gibbe, Emmert and Elva, Elizabethtown, Pa., 53

Morphew, Alvah and Carol, Clarence, Ohio, 50

Rieley, John and Lois, Blue Ridge, Va., 50

Wiest, Samuel and Carrie, West Ephrata, Pa., 64

Witmer, Marlin and Sarah,

Mount Joy, Pa., 54

Deaths

Balm, George Vernon, 78, Natoma, Kan., Oct. 15, 1983

Bomberger, Sally, 78, Leola, Pa., Nov. 13, 1983

Breidenbaugh, Lillie, 94, Long Green, Md., Dec. 6, 1983

Brumbaugh, G. Edwin, 93, Gwyedd Valley, Pa., Nov. 29, 1983

Burkhart, Mary, 80, Leola, Pa., Dec. 1, 1983

Cupp, Sadie Caricofe, 87, Bridgewater, Va., Dec. 14, 1983

Dorcas, Mary H., 75, Iowa City, Iowa, Aug. 20, 1983

Eckhart, Henry, 90, Long Green, Md., Nov. 6, 1983

Fink, John William, 90, White Cottage, Ohio, Nov. 22, 1983

Fitzwater, Frank William Jr., 54, Harrisonburg, Va., Nov. 28, 1983

Fox-Hair, Carrie E., 86, Waynesboro, Pa., Dec. 26, 1983

Gardner, Nancy D., 53, Bridgewater, Va., Nov. 22, 1983

Geib, B. Katie, 93, Mount Joy, Pa., Nov. 13, 1983

Green, Linda H., 43, New York, N.Y., Dec. 16, 1983

Haines, Andrew R., 90, Elizabethtown, Pa., Oct. 18, 1983

Haldeman, Grace S., 57, Annville, Pa., May 28, 1983

Harbaugh, Betty, 64, Waterloo, Iowa, Oct. 26,

1983

Hertzog, Levi, 64, Leola, Pa., Nov. 27, 1983

Hoffman, Carrie, 75, Harleysville, Pa., Dec. 27, 1983

Hollinger, Rhoda, 69, Lititz, Pa., Oct. 1, 1983

Jenkins, Ellis, 78, LaVerne, Calif., Nov. 27, 1983

Larsen, Dorothy Dell, 69, McPherson, Kan., Dec. 19, 1983

Longanecker, Forrest, 96, Pomona, Calif., Nov. 26, 1983

Neely, Ada, 83, Hollidaysburg, Pa., Dec. 1, 1983

Pettit, Ralph Edgar, 55, Dayton, Va., Nov. 1, 1983

Pitsenbarger, Myra Foster, 66, Montezuma, Va., Feb. 15, 1983

Reesor, Hoffer, 83, Brethren Village, Pa., April 26, 1983

Reitz, Harry, 96, Akron, Pa., Dec. 11, 1983

Rohrbach, Cora, 89, Blissfield, Mich., Dec. 21, 1983

Shook, Lorraine, 67, Lafayette, Ind., Nov. 20, 1983

Shutt, David, 80, Huntington, Ind., Nov. 4, 1983

Smith, Clarence R., 75, San Diego, Calif., Dec. 3, 1983

Stover, Fannie McFaffey, 86, McPherson, Kan., Dec. 19, 1983

Timmons, Gail, 87, Mercersburg, Pa., Nov. 27, 1983

Wiley, Herman, 93, Huntington, Ind., Aug. 8, 1983

Zinn, Leila Esther, 74, New Carlisle, Ohio, Nov. 6, 1983

Are the Brethren recognizable?

One day recently, Howard Royer—our former editor, now director of interpretation—wondered aloud if anyone had ever thought of pulling together an anthology of “great Brethren speeches.” As an example of what he had in mind, Howard cited Desmond W. Bittinger’s 1958 Annual Conference moderator’s address, “And How Shall the Brethren Be Recognized?”

Howard was startled to hear me say that that speech had been a turning point in my life.

It was my first Annual Conference. I was sitting on the front row in the auditorium in Des Moines. Desmond Bittinger, then president of McPherson College, was already a hero for me. He had been a resource person at two Thanksgiving Brethren student conferences I had attended. I had been aware of him as editor of *The Gospel Messenger*. And I had been in his home in McPherson, Kan., and seen the leopard skins, spears, drums, and other artifacts from his missionary years in Nigeria. I had read *Soudan’s Second Sun-up*.

As I sat there listening to the moderator’s address, I never imagined I would ever be a Nigeria missionary or editor of *MESSENGER* (as now I don’t imagine I shall ever be president of McPherson College!).

But as the gentle speaker presented us with the marks whereby Brethren of the future would be recognized, I was touched and moved. I came home from Des Moines resolving to put on as nearly as I could those distinguishing marks. I entered Brethren Volunteer Service as my first overt act of dedication to service for the church. Continuous Brethren involvement has followed. And while no stranger yet has called out in a crowd, “Hey, that guy’s Brethren!” I have not forgotten, in the quarter century since that Conference, Desmond Bittinger’s “burned-in, inerasable marks of the follower of Christ.”

You are eager to be reminded of what the marks were. Brother Bittinger held up these three:

—A praying, searching, open mind engaged in a continuous searching for the will and mind of God.

—A loving heart; a prayerful yearning to be immersed in love, to grow to be like God.

—Serving hands, engaged in a compelling outward thrust that makes us share all we know and have with others, in order that the peace of God might come to us all.

Living in that ominous-sounding year, 1984,

we Brethren of today are clearly the people Desmond Bittinger had in mind back there in 1958. Are we *recognizable*?

Alexander Mack and the others of the Schwarzenau Eight attached great importance to exploring the Scriptures, being open, seeking the will of God for their lives, not being locked into rigid, tradition-bound biblical interpretation. Today, do we *explore* the Bible, or do we erect a fence around it and post signs, “No trespassing. Explorers will be prosecuted”?

The simplest and most important fact stated in the Bible is that *God is love*. Love seeks not its own. Love goes the second mile. Love knows no stranger or enemy. Love lays down its life for another. Are Brethren a loving people today? Do we have love for those our government tries to teach us to hate? Do we have compassion for Salvadorans and Guatemalans and offer sanctuary to them? Do we try to understand what the sisters in our church are saying to us? What Brethren who are black, Hispanic, Korean, or Haitian are saying to us? What brothers who are war veterans are saying to us? Are we even willing to *dialog* with homosexual Brethren? Do we hear the cries of the world’s oppressed and deprived? Do we hear the pleas of the hungry in our own neighborhoods? Or do we confine our real loving for folks just like us in appearance, lifestyle, and thinking, and sooth our consciences with token gestures to people far removed from our sight and hearing?

Our tradition of service goes back to days of early Brethren history. Our world vision of service has grown: For over a hundred years we have been going overseas to serve humanity and witness to the gospel. Hundreds of us have served in BVS, on mission fields, in hospitals, in disaster relief—all sorts of ways. But are we distinguishable from any other denomination in our fervor for offering serving hands? Is our record for financial support of the Brotherhood Fund anything to crow about and thus heap burning coals of shame on others?

As I say, I don’t remember a stranger ever picking me out in a crowd as a Brethren. Someone asked Alexander Mack, “And how shall your members be recognized?” The Brethren pioneer shot back, “By the manner of their living.”

When was the last time you were recognized?
—K.T.

for much longer periods of time. But let's never stop trying to be free of sin. God tells us to run from it (1 Cor. 6:18). We should all be handing our sins over to God.

This sin is not necessarily worse than any other, but to pursue sin is wrong. To say "I am the way God wants me," when we are pursuing sinful lifestyles only hurts the body of Christ. And it encourages others to continue to sin.

I pray for those who have made this man comfortable with his sinful tendencies. What do the Scriptures say about those who cause a weak one to fall? Luke 17:2 says it would be better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

To the writer of the opinion I would say this: Admitting honestly to how you feel is the beginning, not the end. Wishing after that won't make you change. Only Jesus can do that. Your letter reads as if you're ready to stop giving the Lord a chance. Please allow him time to finish his work in your life. God meets us in our infirmities and makes us strong (2 Cor. 12:1-10).

Your letter says that society taught you it is "bad" to be gay. With your Brethren

heritage and lineage of ministers, could it be that your impression of being "bad" comes from the Bible and your spiritual training? God hates sin and commands us to do the same.

What was meant by your statement, "The Bible says nothing that applies directly to me"? All the Bible applies to my life—how I should live, how I should treat others, how I can learn from others mistakes.

The Bible says to be tolerant with those who are weak, be patient with them. God never gives up on you. I hope you will not give up on yourself. I don't stand in judgment. God has made us all different. The battles in my life are different from your battles, but I'm not giving up. God alone can make me what he wants me to be. It's not always easy. Change is difficult. "Pet" sins hidden from others become part of our lives all too easily. Stay in the Word, call sin a sin, and ask God over and over again to be there to help you flee from it. Who knows, maybe you will be transformed over night. God is still in the miracle business. God has the perfect answers. May God bless you. □

Linda Koser, of Ephrata, Pa., is a member of the Conestoga Church of the Brethren, Leola, Pa.

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Amato, Donald, Dunmore, W. Va. to Lewiston Housing Authority, Lewiston, Me.

Burget, Linda, Roaring Spring, Pa., to Lewiston Housing Authority, Lewiston, Me.

Dubble, Martha, Schaeffers-town, Pa., to Voice of Calvary, Jackson, Miss.

Dubble, Myron, Schaeffers-town, Pa., to Voice of Calvary, Jackson, Miss.

Gould, Angela, Pfafftown, N.C., to Lewiston Housing Authority, Lewiston, Me.

Gould, James, Pfafftown, N.C., to Lewiston Housing Authority, Lewiston, Me.

Licensing/Ordination

Bohrer, Bradley Charles, ordained Jan. 15, 1984, Brook Park, No. Ohio

Ford, Hollace A., ordained Jan. 1, 1984, Hawthorne, Southeastern

Hauger, Kathy, licensed Aug. 13, 1983, LaVerne, Pacific S.W.

Leiter, David Allan, licensed

Dec. 18, 1983, Welty, Md. Atl.

Schwarze, Robert M., ordained Aug. 8, 1982, Marion, So./Central Ind.

Williford, Kathy P., ordained Jan. 15, 1984, Arcadia, Fla./P.R.

Pastoral Placements

Callahan, Wanda, from Jacksonville, Fla./P.R., to Cedar Creek, No. Ind., part-time

Chapman, Robert, Sr., from secular, to Lakewood Community, One./Wash.

Gehr, Douglas, to Bedford, Middle Pa.

Gerber, Wayne, from other denominations, to Pine Creek, No. Ind., interim

Kaltenbough, Peter Charles, Jr., from American Baptist, to Hartsville, No. Ohio

Mitchell, Olden, from retirement, to English Prairie, No. Ind., interim part-time

Rummel, Donald, from Palmyra, Atl. N.E., to Codorus, Southern Pa.

Spangler, Keith A., to Oak Grove, South, Virgina, part-time

Wampler, Mark, from New Hope, So./Central Ind., to Three Springs, Southern Pa.,

part-time
Hirst, Kevin W., from Pasadena, Pacific S.W., to San Francisco, Pacific S.W.

Anniversaries

Bridenbaugh, Herbert and Gertrude, Martinsburg, Pa., 61

Fourman, Orval and Treva, Arcanum, Ohio, 50

Greenleaf, Lester and Kathryn, Martinsburg, Pa., 54

Harding, Roland and Martha, Auburn, Ind., 50

McCary, Joseph and Mildred, Hanover, Pa., 53

Post, Lawrence and Ruth, Millidgeville, Ill., 60

Pullis, Harold and Irma, Waterloo, Iowa, 50

Rinehart, Virgil and Beulah, Greenville, Ohio, 50

Walker, Horace and Sarah, New Oxford, Pa., 62

Deaths

Boha, David, 82, Johnsville, Md., Jan. 15, 1984

Bollinger, Geneva, 60, Springfield, Ohio, Dec. 31, 1983

Bollinger, Reba, 72, Denver, Pa., Jan. 1, 1984

Breneman, E. Henry, 83, Mount Joy, Pa., Dec. 19, 1983

Breneman, Lura L., 86, Hagers-town, Ind., Jan. 6, 1984

Burket, Mary Dilling, 83, Martinsburg, Pa., Oct. 21, 1983

Capps, Marshall, 70, Ottumwa, Iowa, Jan. 5, 1984

Carr, Clyde, 75, Ottumwa, Iowa, Dec. 31, 1983

Deener, Howard, 91, Greenbelt, Md., Jan. 23, 1984

Detwiler, Elsie R., 92, Martinsburg, Pa., Nov. 8, 1983

Diehl, Lillie Rebecca, 76, Harrisonburg, Va., Dec. 28, 1983

Dines, Dorothy Marie, 73, Hagerstown, Ind., Jan. 4, 1984

Eshelman, Katie, 84, Manheim, Pa., Jan. 15, 1984

Fahnestock, Grace, 90, Neffsville, Pa., Jan. 15, 1984

Fassacht, Dessie, 76, Greenville, Ohio, Nov. 18, 1983

Fisher, Nevin W., 84, Sebring, Fla., Feb. 12, 1984

Forney, Leah, 84, Waterloo, Iowa, Dec. 7, 1983

Funderburgh, Minnie, 84, Sabetha, Kan., April 16, 1983

Gehman, Clayton H., 74, Windber, Pa., Nov. 12, 1983

Gordon, Ruth R., 90, Bridge-water, Va., Jan. 7, 1984

Groff, Stella E., 70, Ephrata, Pa., Oct. 19, 1983

Haffner, Rosa, 67, Greenville, Ohio, Oct. 11, 1983

Hoffman, Joseph, 66, Spring City, Pa., June 24, 1983

Holsinger, Grace Seedenburg, 78, Martinsburg, Pa., Jan. 4, 1984

Keithley, Helen Bowman, 76, Martinsburg, Pa., Jan. 6, 1984

Keller, Norman, 76, Ephrata, Pa., Jan. 6, 1984

Kenandy, Ethel, 89, Hollidaysburg, Pa., Jan. 5, 1984

Kreider, Asher H., 82, Baltimore, Md., Dec. 29, 1983

Martin, Beulah, Fort Wayne, Ind., Sept. 3, 1983

Miller, Julie Rachael, 18, Peru, Ind., July 22, 1983

Murphy, Katherine V., 93, Hollidaysburg, Pa., Jan. 6, 1984

Over, Edward W., 84, Woodbury, Pa., July 17, 1983

Over, Roxie M., 84, Woodbury, Pa., Jan. 12, 1984

Phares, Margaretha, 93, Springfield, Ohio, Jan. 13, 1984

Rodgers, A. Beatrice, 69, Eden, N.C., Dec. 16, 1983

Royer, Lydia, 87, N. Manchester, Ind., Feb. 9, 1983

Shaulis, Ira, 102, Waterloo, Iowa, Jan. 3, 1984

Shelley, Zelma M., 85, Arcanum, Ohio, Jan. 26, 1984

Smith, C. Helen, 61, Eden, N.C., Nov. 27, 1983

Spain, Thomas E., 76, New Carlisle, Ohio, Jan. 17, 1984

The gospel according to Louise

John Howard Yoder has just authored a book, *What Would You Do?* (Herald Press, Scottdale, Pa.), that will be useful to Christians, particularly those who are pacifists, in dealing with hypothetical questions that opponents of pacifism and disarmament like to confront them with. ("What would you do if a gun-wielding terrorist was about to murder your wife and family in front of you?") The book helps the pacifist see the fallacies of such hypothetical situations, and shows how to turn the argument against the questioner.

Louise Degrafinried of Mason, Tenn., needs no such book. The story of how she dealt with a desperate, armed, escaped convict is the best Easter "sermon" I have heard this season.

Just before daybreak this past February 21, shotgun-wielding Riley Arzeneaux forced his way into the Degrafinried home, threatening to kill Louise and her husband.

What would you have done? Fainted? Fallen on your knees and begged for mercy? Reached for a gun?

Louise Degrafinried, a 73-year-old grandmother, was unruffled. "Young man," she said calmly, "I am a Christian lady. I don't believe in no violence. Put that gun down and you sit down. I don't allow no violence here."

Riley hesitated, laid his gun down, and asked for food. He hadn't eaten for three days.

Louise fixed an ample meal, set the table, and sat down to have breakfast with Riley. But before they ate, Louise prayed, and taught Riley a Bible verse.

Riley was trembling with fright, for the police were on his tail. So Louise held his hand, and said, "I love you. God loves you. God loves us all, especially you. Jesus died for you because he loves you so much."

When the police came, Louise took Riley by the arm and led him out, calling to the police, "Y'all put those guns away. I don't allow no violence here. Put them away. This young man wants to come back."

And Riley went back, peacefully.

If Louise's response to Riley sounds uncannily like she was being used to demonstrate the efficacy of the gospel message, consider what happened later that same day. Two other escaped prisoners,

separated from Riley earlier, entered a suburban backyard where a couple were having a cook-out. The husband ran in the house and came out with a gun. He was shot dead and his wife taken hostage.

Now I don't know what Riley felt like after he returned to prison and had time to think. Perhaps he regretted having given in to Louise's quiet persuasion. Will his encounter really change his life for the better? But then, did the woman charged with adultery (John 8:3-11) go back to her old ways, or was she forever changed by Jesus' love?

The point of that gospel story does not hinge on the answer to that question. And the point of Louise Degrafinried's story does not hinge on how Riley Arzeneaux lives his life thereafter. Louise Degrafinried simply demonstrated that Jesus' love and example is as relevant today as it was two thousand years ago.

As editor of MESSENGER, I have received more mail in the last two months than I usually do in six months. Some of it is conciliatory, but much of it has been from people who put more energy into seeing that certain "sinners" get denounced than in seeing that *all* sinners get loved. They seem more enthusiastic about God's "terrible swift sword" than his redemptive love. They seem to have forgotten the One who said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its place"; who said to the seven at Galilee, "Come and have breakfast"; who gave us his commandment to "love one another as I have loved you"; who, even while hanging in agony on a cross, could tell a wretched thief his pardoned soul was worthy of a place in paradise.

Louise Degrafinried didn't denounce Riley Arzeneaux for whatever crime he had gone to prison for. She did not judge him. She did not tell him he was going to catch "what for" from the Almighty. She did not recoil in horror at his past. She took his hand, patted his leg, and simply said, "Young man, I love you. And God loves you. God loves us all, every one of us, especially you. Jesus died for you because he loves you so much."

If that's what they're teaching folks in the Mount Sinai Primitive Baptist Church in Mason, Tenn., maybe we had better send a Church of the Brethren delegation there to see what we can learn. — K.T.

feet at love feast time. They can't explain how Brethren feel when they greet each other at Annual Conference. They can't explain peoples' motive for joining Brethren Volunteer Service or the "feeling of satisfaction" they derive from that service.

But the feeling is there, and once experienced it is a powerful impetus for further participation and service.

For Charlotte McKay, service for her neighbor's good may be as simple as providing a lap for a tired little boy whose life has been torn apart by a tornado. For Russell Boitnott it may be a day spent chain-sawing a fallen tree off a Mount Olive family's house. But even the least of these services helps fulfill the commitment that Brethren make to God and neighbor when they join the church. And when disaster strikes, its victims find that these gestures of Brethren neighborliness are the most vital element required for putting shattered lives back together. □

People wanting to help should contact their district disaster coordinator or call the national disaster office in New Windsor, Md.—(301) 635-6464. The first \$30,000 has been allocated from the Emergency Disaster Fund for the North Carolina work. Please send your contribution to the fund, at 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120. Brethren will be at work in North Carolina through 1985.

turning points

164th BVS Orientation Unit

(Orientation completed March 30, 1984)

Arendt, Cole, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Insights Project, Portland, Ore.

Casale, Jennifer, Plymouth, Conn., to community development, Viajama de Las Yayas, Dominican Republic.

Fernandez, Marvin, Cartago, Costa Rica, to Natl. Council on Agricultural Life and Labor Research Fund, Dover, Del.

Griffis, Marie, Susanville, Calif., to Concept 7 Family Services, Tustin, Calif.

Keller, Jon, Greenville, Ohio, to Bar 41 Ranch, Wilbur, Wash.

Martin, Linda, Perrysburg, Ohio, to Brethren Village, Lancaster, Pa.

Mason, Mary Jane, Centerville, Iowa, to Nutrition Program for Street People, Washington, (D.C.) City church.

Nickley, Linda, East Jordan, Mich., to Brethren Service

Center, New Windsor, Md.
Polley, David, DeKalb, Ill., to Harrisburg, Pa.

Reese, Sherry, Hanover, Pa., to Tampa church, Tampa, Fla.
Teeter, Judy, Flintstone, Md., to Dundalk Youth Services, Baltimore, Md.

Toda, Shigeru, Osaka, Japan, to ADEC-Visual Impairment Services Center, Elkhart, Ind.

Whipple, Lynda, Nampa, Ida., to Nutrition Program for Street People, Washington (D.C.) City church.

Licensing/Ordination

Ballus, Mark Edward, licensed March 18, 1984, Sunnyside, West Marva

Brambough, Lillian Trageser, ordained March 25, 1984, University Park, Mid-Atl.

Pittenger, Gwyneth Grier, licensed Jan. 29, 1984, Jacksonville, Fla./P.R.

Reece, Kathryn Leigh, licensed March 18, 1984, Dallas Center, No. Plains

Pastoral Placements

Bartholomew, Timothy, Lee, from Baltic, Nn. Ind., to Yellow Creek, Nn. Ind.

Bernsack, Geoffrey, to Plum Creek, Western Pa.

Cowley, Don, to Bowmont, Idaho

Greiner, J. Gerald, from secular, to Mechanicsburg, Southern Pa.

Mammert, J. Ronald, from Heatherdowns, Toledo, No. Ohio, to Antelope Park, Lincoln, W. Plains

Naff, Jerry W., from Bethany, to Barren Ridge, Shenandoah

Shatt, Barry, from Bethany, to Richland, Atl. N.E.

Younis, Gale Hanley, from Fairview, Endless Caverns, Shenandoah, to Beaver Creek, Mid-Atl.

Anniversaries

Bomberger, Homer and Beulah, Akron, Pa., 50

Brubaker, Daniel and Amy, Ephrata, Pa., 50
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Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. John S., Florin, Pa., 60
Bismeyer, Chester and Lizzie, Hanover, Pa., 52
Bretsch, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey E., Denver, Colo., 30
Shenker, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Florin, Pa., 61
Sprout, Mr. and Mrs. Truman, Florin, Pa., 60

Deaths

Borghley, Mary, 87, Greenville, Ohio, March 4, 1984

Beckler, Annie J., 100, Denver, Colo., March 7, 1984

Burgess, Paul, 80, Warren, Ind., Jan. 17, 1984

Burkhart, Ora, 90, Cando, N.D., Feb. 22, 1984

Callary, Lois Miller, 75, Bridge-water, Va., March 18, 1984

Casper, Charles P. Sr., 73, Curryville, Pa., Feb. 3, 1984

Denny, Frank, 74, Cando, N.D., Feb. 2, 1984

Eary, Mary Lee, 83, Harrisonburg, Va., March 13, 1984

Forshey, John S., 77, Roaring Spring, Pa., Feb. 8, 1984

Fuhrman, Merle B., 67, Brod-becks, Pa., Dec. 9, 1983

Graybill, Harry B., 88, Roths-ville, Pa., Jan. 6, 1984

Huffman, Susanna Flury, 74, Bridge-water, Va., March 9, 1984

Landes, A. Aaron, 70, Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 19, 1983

Malla, Harriet, 58, Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 4, 1984

Miller, Clinton, 79, Big Spring, Md., March 9, 1984

Reed, Lulu, 79, Leola, Pa., Feb. 13, 1984

Rittenhouse, May, 73, Athens, Ga., Feb. 2, 1984

Roberts, Ruth, 73, Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 24, 1984

Schultz, Robert, 44, Chester-ton, Ind., March 22, 1984

Steele, John R., 67, Cando, N.D., Feb. 26, 1984

Stern, Marie, 74, Martinsburg, Pa., Feb. 26, 1984

Stong, Ethel Burkhardt, 84, Cando, N.D., Jan. 31, 1984

Thomas, Earl, 79, Leola, Pa., Feb. 10, 1984

Wilson, Ralph O., 85, Logans-port, Ind., March 26, 1984

Young, Lucy, 80, Greenville, Ohio, March 11, 1984

Bothered by the Bible

A woman once confided to Mark Twain that she was troubled by the many passages of the Bible she couldn't understand. The sage humorist replied, "It ain't the parts of the Bible that I *can't* understand that bother me, it is the parts that I *do* understand."

Recently I have been reading my Bible more, and I have the same problem. But first, you wonder why I am reading my Bible more. Well, it's the least I can do as a patriotic American. Isn't the Bible what this great country of ours was founded on? Doesn't our President tirelessly remind us to search the Scriptures and to heed their teachings? Doesn't he work to put prayer back in the classrooms? And didn't he proclaim a "Year of the Bible"?

My favorite professor at Bethany Seminary instilled in me a special reverence for the Old Testament. Since he is now our general secretary, and has taught us all a reverence for Micah 6, I tend to turn back to prophets such as Micah, Amos, and Hosea as I search the Scriptures for words that speak to these present days.

It is when I reread those harbingers of judgment and hope (and try to decipher my seminary notes scribbled in the margins) that I come to appreciate Mark Twain's problem.

That *Reader's Digest Bible* in the White House must be more condensed than I thought. I'm having trouble matching my understanding of God's purposes with what seems to be the main thrust of the present administration's domestic policy—in the words of Amos, "trampling upon the poor" and "turning aside the needy in the gates" (to say nothing of its foreign policy—"bringing near the seat of violence").

I see God as a God of justice, who works in our midst for the sake of justice, who demonstrates justice by siding with the poor, liberating the oppressed, feeding the hungry, and empowering the powerless. I see us called to imitate God, to have a passion for justice, to show partiality for the poor.

The last three years have witnessed a massive assault on the poor people of this country and of the world. Our leaders, "the notable men of the first of the nations," have demonstrated a callousness toward the needy that would have an Amos crying, "Woe to those at ease in Zion," and a Micah shouting, "Woe to those who devise wickedness and work evil upon their beds."

One source I read reveals that since 1981 the poor and near poor in America have lost more than \$10 billion in federal support. Some 661,000

children have lost Medicaid coverage; 900,000 poor youngsters no longer receive free or reduced-price breakfasts; 150,000 poor working families have lost eligibility for government-supported day care. One million people have been dropped from the food stamp rolls. And 890 school districts have cut back on special education programs.

And the assault goes on. All the cuts in spending for the needy enacted in 1981 remain in place, and 1982 cuts of \$3.8 billion come on top of these. The deficit for fiscal year 1983 was \$195 billion. Projections for future deficits are so grim that prospects of hope for the poor are virtually nil.

How do they get away with it? We know that the poor have so little political power that elected officials are always able to do things to them that they wouldn't dare do to their middle- and upper-class constituents. But where are we decent folks who should be doing something about this?

We are sitting in front of our TV sets being lulled into complacency and complicity by a master of deceit. We are buying the line that poverty is not a serious problem in this country, that actually programs for the poor are not being cut, that nobody is getting hurt.

We are persuaded that the President's program is fair, that he is working for the common good. (Is it "common good" that half of us be ground down in poverty and want, so that all of us can afford to pull off a nuclear holocaust?) We discover a presidential concern for the moral character of poor folks: They become spoiled by too many welfare benefits. We hear the President speak of "restoring freedom in this land" by cutting back on federal spending. But he confines his concern to the loss of freedom for the affluent; the poor, without an income, have no freedom.

So, what does the Lord require? What must we do? As never before, we must live up to that motto that has inspired Brethren through the years: "For the glory of God and my neighbor's good." We must become partisans with the poor. And we must protest with all the power we can summon.

We may be mere herdsmen and dressers of sycamore trees, but if we don't speak up, who will? Like Amos, we must accept our obligation and speak out against those "who trample upon the needy, and bring the poor of the land to an end."

Let's make this another "Year of the Bible." As I understand it, we, like Mark Twain, have a lot to be bothered about. —K.T.

seriously damaged by mines. When Port Corinto was attacked last October, 40 tons of medicine were destroyed. Church World Service is attempting to raise money to replace this medicine so badly needed in Nicaragua.

Christian leaders in Central America have pleaded with us to listen to these innocent people crying out to our government for justice. We are members of a denomination that has declared war to be a sin, morally wrong, and not in harmony with the teachings of Jesus. Our Savior

rejected the worship of military power and did not use military force to usher in the kingdom of God (Matt. 4:8-10).

Before the court of the high priest, Jesus asked that the accusations against him be examined. Our Christ was calling on the court of his day to seek the truth. Instead they crucified him.

Are we crucifying the people of Latin America in the name of US national security? □

Rachel Hamm Frantz is a retired schoolteacher from Topeka, Kan.

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Licensing/Ordination

Davis, V. Jane, ordained May 6, 1984, Enders, W. Plains
Eller, Enten V., licensed April 29, 1984, Pomona, Pacific S.W.
Rischey, Lucretia M., licensed May 6, 1984, Hempfield, Atl. N.E.

Pastoral Placements

Diller, Dwight H., to Fairview, Endless Caverns, Shenandoah, part-time
Finkbinder, Audrey, from Bethany, to Oakland, So. Ohio, co-pastor
Finkbinder, Jeff, from Bethany, to Oakland, So. Ohio, co-pastor
Hostetler, Richard, from retire-

ment, to White Branch, So./Central Ind., interim
Logan, Linda F., from secular, to Harrisonburg, Shenandoah, part-time, Coordinator of Group Ministries
Speicher, Timothy D., from Bethany, to Mount Zion Road, Atl. N.E.

Anniversaries

Bashore, Mr. and Mrs. Paul M., Jonestown, Pa., 54
Crowther, James and Kathryn, Ephrata, Pa., 50
Flora, Mr. and Mrs. Harold, Weyers Cave, Va., 50
Grim, Arthur and Nora, Kansas City, Kan., 62
Heidebrecht, Ralph and Orpha, McPherson, Kan., 50
Howell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lester, Weyers Cave, Va., 67
Kannaga, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph,

Ashley, Ind., 50
Landis, Mr. and Mrs. O. L., Yuba City, Calif., 66
Neterer, George and Frances, Hollidaysburg, Pa., 55
Nyce, Lincoln and Anna, Vernfield, Pa., 65
Ream, Walter and Mary, Windber, Pa., 51
Shank, Mr. and Mrs. Elery, Polo, Ill., 50
Wesber, Walter H. and Gladys M., Lebanon, Pa., 50
Whitacre, Jesse W. and A. Ruth, Roanoke, Va., 59
Zook, Gorman and Nina, Wagoner, Okla., 55

Deaths

Baumgartner, Roy, 69, Decatur, Ind., March 9, 1984
Bollinger, Harry F., 63, Fredericksburg, Pa., April 12, 1984
Byerly, Dolores, 76, Monroe,

Ind., April 14, 1984
Diem, S. Raymond, 81, Ephrata, Pa., March 2, 1984
Dyott, Sarah E., 79, Easton, Md., April 14, 1984
Frasitz, George, 87, McPherson, Kan., March 22, 1984
Gahagen, Zella, 84, Windber, Pa., May 15, 1984
Haze, Florence Kimmel, 90, Sheldon, Iowa, March 5, 1984
Hersck, Sudie, 87, LaVerne, Calif., Jan. 20, 1984
Hitz, Mary, 97, Lebanon, Pa., April 17, 1984
Hutchinson, Caroline E., 71, Cordova, Md., April 25, 1984
Hensberry, Gilford J., Sr., 94, McPherson, Kan., April 27, 1984
Jerry, Leonard J., 77, Mount Joy, Pa., April 11, 1984
Loag, Stephen, 66, Ephrata, Pa., Feb. 25, 1984

Miller, Melvin C., 63, York, Pa., April 17, 1984
Myer, Cora E., 95, Palmyra, Pa., Feb. 29, 1984
Reinhold, Ruth B., 81, Lebanon, Pa., April 19, 1984
Roston, J. Larry, 76, Sheldon, Iowa, June 21, 1983
Roston, Rufus C., 71, Sheldon, Iowa, April 29, 1984
Roodbush, Phyllis, 58, Windber, Pa., March 16, 1984
Stayer, Estella M., 77, Curryville, Pa., April 28, 1984
Stech, Ruth Hawbecker, 92, Naperville, Ill., March 28, 1984
Stadebaker, Lloyd R., 79, LaVerne, Calif., May 12, 1984
Wimer, Lillian, 80, Dayton, Va., March 14, 1984
Zack, Homer, 81, Lanark, Ill., Nov. 24, 1983

Conscience, not coercion

One day in the pressroom at Carbondale, in the absence just then of the news director, I fielded a call from the university newspaper, *The Daily Egyptian*. The reporter wanted to know, if the abortion statement was adopted, were the Brethren bound to obey it. According to the next day's paper, I said, "If the statement is adopted it will represent the denomination's position on abortion. However, it would act only as a guidance, since the denomination believes in freedom of conscience, not coercion."

It's no wonder some folks ask the question, "What's the point of Annual Conference adopting position statements if nobody feels bound by them?"

Good question. But don't delude yourself. For all our image of earlier Brethren living in harmony and being of one accord, meekly heeding their elders and the Annual Meeting, the historical evidence points to something else. We have ever been an ornery bunch when it comes to following denominational statements. Even Alexander Mack couldn't keep the Brethren of the early 1700s in line. Witness Mack's problem with Conrad Beissel.

Or peruse some Annual Meeting minutes. On many issues, big and small, you will see the same problem coming up again and again, evidence that Brethren "conscience" often was at variance with denominational teaching.

For example, less than 10 years after the introduction of photography to America, Annual Meeting in 1849 "considered not advisable" the taking of "likenesses and profiles." Yet in 1857, 1858, 1867, 1869, and 1872, Annual Meeting had to rule further on photography, giving ground slowly. In 1872, Brethren were merely admonished to keep photos "out of public view." In 1895 Annual Meeting got testy and reaffirmed all its earlier statements denouncing photography.

Was there a general rush to hide the photo albums and parlor portraits? "Elgin," ever the gang out in left field, began publishing books with photo illustrations, and D. L. Miller, editor of *The Gospel Messenger*, ushered in the age of audiovisuals, touring the Brotherhood showing magic lantern slides of his world travels! So what could you expect of the poor Brethren in the pews? They tossed aside their plain garb, gussied themselves up in worldly Edwardian finery and headed for the nearest photo studio.

In 1904 Annual Meeting retreated, repealing all its former decisions on photography, adding, rather lamely, a "protest against extravagant use

of money for photographs." In 1909 one final mention of photography was made as Annual Meeting asked "Elgin" to exercise "more carefulness" about printing in its publications only photographs of people in plain dress.

That matter of "plain dress" could serve as easily as photography as an example of the futility of telling Brethren what they could do and could not do. More recent examples have been the gradual relaxing of restrictions related to divorce, church membership, and ordination.

So, back to the question about the point of coming up with a statement to which no one feels bound to pay attention.

For all my fun reading about futile attempts of the church to stem the tide of change, I still say the process we go through is valid and serves an important purpose. Ultimately it isn't so important that everyone conform, but that everyone know where the church stands. Ultimately it isn't so important that my 15-year-old son obey our every command, but that he grow into maturity knowing where his parents stand on issues he deals with.

Brethren are a family. And Annual Conference is one of the ways we talk things over. It's the way the parents (Annual Conference) tell the children (the Brethren) what the family (Church of the Brethren) standards are . . . whether the children, as they grow up, agree to adhere to them or not.

The parents may wish the old ways didn't pass. They may wish they could dictate how the children behave. They may grieve to see some of the children use poor judgment. But with love binding the parents and children together, providing unity, the family remains intact, no matter what adjustments are needed, no matter what changes must be accepted, and no matter what diversity results.

Somehow the Annual Conference process keeps us together. So all the debate and all the position statements aren't in vain. Thoughtful Brethren consider the statements carefully and find guidance in them. All who read them can know where the denomination stands.

Regardless of whether it can define exactly what it accomplishes by reunions and other events and processes that bring it together, the family knows that without them the children and grandchildren get scattered and soon lose their identity.

So don't miss the reunion each year. Don't forget to write. Oh yes, *send a photo*. And, as our new moderator, Jim Myer, has taught us to say, "See you in Phoenix!"—K.T.

DALBEY, from page 21

being regarded as "religious," but we don't want to pay anything for it? Do we want Easter without the cross, the crown of Christian glory without the self-sacrifice required in Christian service?

As an example of religion without Christian service, much attention has been given recently to the "evil messages" in certain rock music and the efforts of youth to give it up out of their Christian convictions, and at the urgings of many adults. Certainly, songs that call listeners to kill or otherwise hurt others, or to disdain God are not of Jesus Christ and should be recognized as such. We serve neither God nor others by ignoring the genuine evil in this world. To recognize and avoid the evil in certain music may well be a genuine first step for youth toward a mature Christian faith.

But our Christian faith is a lifetime journey that goes far beyond such a first step. Just as God is so much bigger than me, so evil is so much bigger than my record collection. If it is one thing to recognize in certain songs an evil intent counter to God, it is quite another to recognize the evil that lurks in my own selfishness and the suffering that that

causes others. Long after the truly evil records have been broken by religious youth, the hungry of the world will continue to die, the oppressed to be imprisoned, the discriminated against wounded, the aged ignored, and the powerless destroyed. And when Christians are called to judgment after the model of Jesus Christ—as by the King in the Matthew 25 passage—and asked, "What did you do to serve me in your broken brothers and sisters of the world?" it will not suffice simply to reply, "I broke my Black Sabbath records."

Youth, by its very nature, is pre-occupied with self-expression and self-discovery. This is altogether natural and good; you cannot sacrifice a self if you do not have one. But youth is a preparation for adulthood, not the essence of it. Even as we adults must encourage self-realization in youth, we must demonstrate its purpose in serving others as God has served us in Jesus Christ. May our example be faithful to this our sacred calling. □

A United Church of Christ minister, Gordon Dalbey is pastor of the Seaside Community church in Torrance, Calif.

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Licensing/Ordination

Baker, James H. Jr., licensed May 27, 1984, Rileyville, Shenandoah
Cameron, Penny L., licensed Mar. 11, 1984, Roaring Spring, Middle Pa.
Davis, James A., ordained June 9, 1984, McFarland, Pacific S.W.
Ellis, L. Allan, ordained May 20, 1984, Beachdale, W. Pa.
Hanley, Richard, ordained May 19, 1984, Monroeville, Western Pa.
Horning, Estella R., ordained Apr. 7, 1984, York Center, Ill./Wis.
Lewis, Warren K., licensed May 19, 1984, Windber, Western Pa.
May, Melanie A., ordained Jan. 5, 1984, Linville Creek, Shenandoah
Norsworthy, Rolan Jr., licensed June 3, 1984, Peace Valley, So. Missouri/Ark.
Parker, Jonathan F., ordained May 27, 1984, Walnut Grove, Southeastern
Thompson, Margaret, licensed Feb. 27, 1983, Messiah, Missouri
Younkins, Gale H., ordained May 27, 1984, Brownsville, Mid.-Atl.

Pastoral Placements

Baker, James H. Jr., to Pleasant View, Shenandoah, interim
Bower, Tom, from Mt. Zion-Luray, Shenandoah, to Martinsburg Memorial, Middle Pa.
Chassers, Artin G., from Ivester, Nn. Plains, to New Paris, No. Ind.
Dell, Phillip C., from Ottawa, W. Plains, to Milledgeville, Ill./Wis.
Kessler, Phillip G., from Akron First, No. Ohio, to Lanark, Ill./Wis.
Ludwig, Ron, to Michigan City, No. Ind., part-time
Luskley, Charles W., from Tri-District, to Timbercrest Home, So./Central Ind., part-time
Klinger, Harold W., from Union Chapel, Western Pa., to Brothersvalley, Western Pa.
Wampler, Byron J. Jr., from John M. Reed Home, Southeastern, to Jackson Park, Southeastern
Reop, William K., from Roaring Spring, Middle Pa., to Staunton, Shenandoah
Watts, Timothy O., to Sheldon, No. Plains

Anniversaries

Beard, John and AnnaMarie, Westminster, Md., 67
Bollinger, Amsey and Florence, Greenville, Ohio, 62
Brumbaugh, Raymond and Berdella, Hartville, Ohio, 58
Clayton, Fred and Mary, Moatsville, W. Va., 52
Finzell, Ralph and Vera, Madison, Va., 50
Firebaugh, Morris and Florence, Freeport, Ill., 50
Fish, Leroy and Lena, North Manchester, Ind., 65
Good, Rufus and Esther, West Salem, Ohio, 50
Imhoff, Harry and Florence, West Salem, Ohio, 62
Johnson, Oliver and Ex-zelda, Freeport, Ill., 51
Keener, Franklin and Kathryn, Ashland, Ohio, 55
Myers, Roy and Alverna, Hartville, Ohio, 62
Ringer, Harold and Bertha, Hartville, Ohio, 50
Shankster, Owen and Mildred, Pioneer, Ohio, 60
Shoup, Irvin and Viva, Ashland, Ohio, 50
Stufflebeam, Paul and Naomi, Ottumwa, Iowa, 56
Wagner, Homer and Mary Jane, Dayton, Ohio, 58
Wall, Ernest and Eumice, McPherson, Kan., 50

Deaths

Becker, Verna, 84, Neffsville, Pa., June 5, 1984
Beegle, Alice, 79, West Salem, Ohio, May 24, 1984
Berkite, Daniel A., 77, Baltimore, Md., May 18, 1984
Boardman, John, 61, Flora, Ind., June 9, 1984
Briggs, Lenore A., 85, Flora, Ind., June 1, 1984
Bright, George R., 55, Ashland, Ohio, Mar. 4, 1984
Brown, Richard S., 71, Waynesboro, Pa., June 8, 1984
Crouse, Clifton G., 83, Queen Anne, Md., Mar. 8, 1984
Dunlap, Percival K. Sr., 86, Phoenixville, Pa., April 25, 1984
Famous, David H., 87, Harleysville, Pa., May 7, 1984
Farrington, Kermit B., 82, McGrady, N.C., May 10, 1984
Fetters, Kazzie, 77, Glen Rock, Pa., Dec. 4, 1983
Flory, Mary, 84, Lititz, Pa., May 19, 1984
Forney, Anna M., 78, Rothsville, Pa., June 6, 1984
Glick, Mattie V., 97, Bridgewater, Va., July 9, 1984
Godfrey, Curtis, 87, Dal-lastown, Pa., Dec. 20, 1983

Grabe, Nora, 78, Neffsville, Pa., June 15, 1984
Gump, Arlo K., 74, Fort Wayne, Ind., June 14, 1984
Hanna, E. Arnold, 89, Flora, Ind., May 19, 1984
Hershey, Graybill, 87, Manheim, Pa., June 4, 1984
Holsinger, Julius, 85, McPherson, Kan., May 24, 1984
Keener, Fred E., 94, Ashland, Ohio, Feb. 16, 1984
Keener, Jason A., 91, Ashland, Ohio, Nov. 18, 1983
Kopenhagen, Emma P., 76, Phoenixville, Pa., May 30, 1984
Lambert, Olen D., 72, Harrisburg, Va., May 15, 1984
Lease, Norman S., 80, New Market, Md., April 21, 1984
Lemmon, Irene, 62, Gettysburg, Pa., Feb. 4, 1984
Lyman, Jean, 64, Windber, Pa., May 8, 1984
Marker, Olive, 65, Hagerstown, Md., June 2, 1984
McWilliams, George, 79, New Freedom, Pa., May 25, 1984
Metz, Oda V., 86, Union Bridge, Md., June 18, 1984
Miller, Brian L., 1½, York, Pa., Jan. 19, 1984
Norris, M. Evelyn, 59, Fort Wayne, Ind., April 30, 1984

What to get mad about first

The newspaper story made me mad. A Nigerian, Ebenezer Obomanu, studying in the USA, was earning school money this summer as an ice cream truck driver in West Side Chicago. One hot July afternoon, two men jumped on his truck, shot him, and robbed him of \$75. Obomanu jumped from his truck to run and was shot again. He collapsed near his truck as the robbers fled.

That was enough right there to make me mad. Being a former Nigeria missionary, I have a partiality for "my people." And, of course, the very thought of an honest worker being shot and robbed raised righteous ire, no matter who the victim was.

But I really got red-hot as I read on. While Obomanu lay bleeding and calling for help, neighborhood children and young people gleefully looted the ice cream truck. When the police arrived they gave their attention to the wounded man, and did not try immediately to deal with the looting. In fact, said one officer, "There were so many people standing around that we couldn't even see the truck from where we were."

Now, I thought, if *that* was not a fine howdy-do! A man lying bleeding from gun wounds on the sidewalk, and pleading for help, and two hundred people (police estimate) milling around him, stealing his ice cream. The police should have arrested the lot of them and locked them up!

But I read on, even as I fumed. A newspaper reported talked to a woman who lives in a building adjacent to the site of the robbing/shooting/looting. "All this fuss about some ice cream," the woman observed. "There is a lot more wrong with this place than somebody stealing ice cream. Everybody you see asks about the ice cream truck, but nobody asks about the hell it is to live here." Oh!

My high dudgeon simmered to a low one, as I was brought up short by this insider's opinion. She had a point, all right. That's the problem with trying to solve people's problems: Everybody has a point. If you try to see one person's point sympathetically, you find yourself in conflict with somebody's else's point.

If you try to speak up for prisoners, you hear it from their victims. If you speak against nuclear energy, you hear it from people employed in nuclear power plants. If you speak up for poor people, you hear it from the taxpayers.

The ice cream truck incident has its parallels in every newspaper. A dispute over a shattered windshield in Lawrence, Mass., in early August turned the town into a battleground of ethnic animosities. Behind the anger, hatred, and racism was a long

litany of economic woes.

It is easy to despair, for any of us would be hard pressed to cite a single "problem" spot where anybody intervened and "solved the problem," meted out justice, and left everyone satisfied. No wonder we are mesmerized by television programs that always show problems solved with no unpleasant loose ends left over to bother us. Sock! Bam! Pow! And in one hour or less, crimes are solved, family crises resolved, mismanaged hospitals set straight, international intrigue thwarted, and wars won. All this fantasy deludes us into thinking the real world ought to work the same way.

But it doesn't. Ebenezer Obomanu's ice cream truck incident says it doesn't. It never has. Television is just the *latest* way to delude ourselves. As long as people have made up stories and told them, we have delighted in "happy endings," and imagined we could duplicate them in real life.

So what do we do? Give up and do nothing? Avert our eyes from injustice and need in our home, neighborhood, country, and international community?

No. First, we should go right ahead obeying Jesus' admonition to minister to "the least of these," without any expectation that it is "solving" a "problem," or related to "solving a problem." If you find Ebenezer Obomanu lying bleeding by his ice cream truck, call the paramedics and the police, without thinking of curbing crime in Chicago or rescuing the city's deteriorating neighborhoods.

Second, keep in mind that God's way is not the world's way. The world's way is that of imagining we are faced with a bunch of knotty problems, which, if we can only solve, we will be able to set everything right. God's way is the way of creation — building something new, following a design too complex for us to comprehend, on a schedule too long for us to measure.

Third, in so far as we can discern God's calling, we should allow him to work through us in that new creation. For some of us, it may not take us much further than acts of kindness to immediate neighbors. For others, it may lead to wider involvements in working for justice or in alleviating need and suffering.

The important thing is not to despair in the face of complex issues and turn away from the world. It isn't a matter of deciding what to get mad about first. "Solving all the world's problems" is not our business. Being part of God's new creation is. — K.T.

Do you have information for Turning Points? For anniversaries, please give the first name of husband and wife, town and state of residence, and number of years married (50 years or more only). For deaths, give the name, town and state of residence at time of death, age, and month, day, and year of death. Send information to MESSAGE, Turning Points, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120.

165th BVS Orientation Unit

(Orientation completed May 23, 1984)

Chappell, Jeanne, Chalfont, Pa., to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.
Chappell, William, Chalfont, Pa., to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.
Compass, Elizabeth, New York, N.Y., assignment pending

Eby, Emory, Winchester, Va., to Morningstar Emergency Shelter, Brattleboro, Vt.

Eby, Helen, Winchester, Va., to Morningstar Emergency Shelter, Brattleboro, Vt.

Farringer, Dean, Denver, Colo., assignment pending
Long, Mary Ann, Rice, Va., to Dendrak Youth Service Center, Baltimore, Md.

McElhinney, Jeanette, Lexington, Ky., to Queen Louise Home for Children, Virgin Islands

McElhinney, Michael, Lexington, Ky., to Queen Louise Home for Children, Virgin Islands

Ritterhouse, Phillip, Dunmore, W. Va., to Teen Challenge Training Center, Rehoboth, Pa.

Vann, Sandra, Boulder, Colo., to The Family Center, Belfast, No. Ireland

Licensing/ Ordination

Baker, Sandra M., licensed July 29, 1984, Indiana, Western Pa.

Backwater, Anita S., ordained Mar. 17, 1984, Lansing, Michigan

Chamberlin, Steven A., ordained July 15, 1984, York Center, Ill./Wisc.

Day, William T., licensed July 11, 1984, Rockwood, Western Pa.

Diaz, Manuel, ordained July 22, 1984, Locust Grove, Western Pa.

Garber, William H., ordained Apr. 5, 1984, Little River, Shenandoah

Good, Lester, ordained Apr. 24, 1984, Mud Lick, So. Ohio

Hesby, Dean R., ordained June 2, 1984, Elkhart Valley, No. Ind.

Kepfinger, Roger P., ordained Apr. 5, 1984, Community Mission, Shenandoah

Kimmel, Jo, ordained July 8, 1984, Love Oak, Pacific S.W. Klinedinst, Stephen L., licensed Mar. 15, 1984, York, Second, Southern Pa.

Miller, Robert R., ordained Oct. 7, 1983, Bridgewater, Shenandoah

Mosses, Jorge, licensed June 10, 1984, Los Caminantes, Fla./P.R.

Overy, Ronald, licensed July 15, 1984, Nantona Heights, Western Pa.

Owens, David A., licensed July 22, 1984, San Diego, Pacific S.W.

Pearson, Jack, licensed July 29, 1984, Westmont, Western Pa.

Shant, Barry L., ordained July 1, 1984, Ridgeway Community, Adl. N.E.

Speicher, Timothy D., ordained July 8, 1984, Washington City, Mid-Adl.

Stearns, Mary Jo, ordained July 17, 1984, Easton, Mid-Adl.

Valosky, Mark A., licensed July 29, 1984, Indiana, Western Pa.

Wilson, James M., ordained June 2, 1984, Liberty, Ill./Wisc.

Pastoral Placements

Asker, Thomas E., from Mount Bethel, Shenandoah, to Bassett, Virginia

Edwards, Kenneth L., from Pleasant View, Southeastern, to Thomas, So. Plains, part-time

Georges, Judith L., to Newport News, Ivy Farm, Virginia

Hagstenger, Gene M., Jr., from Pipe Creek, Mid-Adl., to Roanoke, Ninth Street, Virginia

Hammer, Earl W., from Free Union, Shenandoah, to Charlottesville, Shenandoah

Hinspacher, Ben D., from retirement, to Timberville, Shenandoah, interim

Huggins, John B., from Champaign, Ill./Wisc., to Winter Park, Fla./P.R.

Kipp, Judith, to Elizabethtown, Adl. N.E., interim

Martin, Harold S., to Christiansburg, Virginia, interim

Melton, Patrick L., from

secular, to Free Union, Shenandoah, part-time

Nearhood, John Scott, to Ocoee, No. Ind., youth pastor

On, L. Ernest, to Nanty Glo, Western Pa., part-time

Rill, Jeffrey B., to Roanoke, Adl. N.E., interim

Saura, Donna G., from secular, to Berthany Fellowship, Shenandoah, part-time

Shumaker, Terry, from White Branch, So./Central Ind., to Huntington, So./Central Ind.

Baker, Clair and Orpha, Curryville, Pa., 61

Bell, Clyde, Sr. and Letta, Frederick, Md., 65

Bradford, Wilson and Claudine, Onks, Pa., 60

Buckner, Edgar and Christine, St. Petersburg, Fla., 50

Burke, Wilson and Freda, Martinsburg, Pa., 58

Callahan, J. Clark and Maria, Martinsburg, Pa., 50

Carr, A. Wayne and A. Jane, Sebring, Fla., 50

Clapper, Ralph and Mary, Martinsburg, Pa., 52

Dilling, Elmer and Oliver, Martinsburg, Pa., 54

Eller, Henry and Effie, Bridgewater, Va., 60

Garber, Martin and Dorothy, Salem, Va., 50

Gehhardt, Harvey and Anne, Onks, Pa., 60

Hansberger, Albert and Olive, North Manchester, Ind., 53

Holsinger, Paul and Helen, Martinsburg, Pa., 59

Kimmel, Lloyd and Pauline, Frederick, Md., 50

King, Bernard and Ella, York, Pa., 50

Koet, Charles and Esther, Port Providence, Pa., 60

Kreschman, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin, Windber, Pa., 65

Martin, Edgar and Edna, St. Petersburg, Fla., 50

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer, Windber, Pa., 50

Owens, Robert and Mildred, Roaring Spring, Pa., 50

Petersburg, John and Esid, Rossburg, Ohio, 53

Schneider, Charles and June, Des Moines, Iowa, 65

Deaths

Baile, Henry, 85, Afton, Ariz., July 15, 1984

Barnhart, Fred E., 65, Rocky Mount, Va., June 24, 1984

Buchanan, Titus, 71, Palmyra, Pa., June 8, 1984

Bushore, Earl, 66, Palmyra, Pa., Aug. 15, 1983

Beach, Ira H., 88, Martinsburg, Pa., Apr. 21, 1984

Becker, Grace D., 74, Mount Joy, Pa., July 13, 1984

Becker, Walter T., 77, Mount Joy, Pa., Aug. 3, 1984

Bollinger, Henry, 73, Myersstown, Pa., Mar. 20, 1984

Bowers, Clem, 85, Goshen, Ind., June 27, 1984

Boyer, Carl, 70, Myersstown, Pa., Apr. 3, 1984

Boers, W. Earl, 93, La Verne, Calif., July 4, 1984

Charvatte, George, 81, St. Petersburg, Fla., Apr. 10, 1984

Claypool, Pearl, 91, Kintanning, Pa., July 15, 1984

Clingenspeck, Harry, 81, Roanoke, Va., May 24, 1984

Coffman, Laura, 95, Palmyra, Pa., Feb. 19, 1984

Coffman, Lela, 94, Roanoke, Va., Aug. 4, 1984

Cornelius, Martha R., 87, Martinsburg, Pa., Apr. 23, 1984

Calpepper, Zella, 65, Tampa, Fla., June 10, 1984

Capp, Doyle P., 74, Cinderella, Ohio, June 6, 1984

Dick, Arlene, 71, Martinsburg, Pa., Apr. 9, 1984

Dillman, Kenneth D., 73, Duxbury, Ind., June 29, 1984

Dull, Lucille, 87, Brookville, Ohio, July 8, 1984

Duvall, Herbert, 82, Frederick, Md., June 22, 1984

Earhart, Raymond, 81, Huntington, Ind., June 16, 1984

Edwards, Evelyn R., 57, Martinsburg, Pa., July 12, 1984

Elmqvist, Ethel, 74, Minneapolis, Minn., May 14, 1984

Eller, Howard O., 70, Dupont, Ohio, July 16, 1984

Fenstermacher, Stella, 73, Center Valley, Pa., June 26, 1984

Floer, Lura N., 85, Rocky Mount, Va., June 8, 1984

Kline, David A., 80, Palmyra, Pa., May 21, 1984

Kline, Harry, 73, Myersstown, Pa., Mar. 28, 1984

Lam, Howard O., 72, Bridge water, Va., Apr. 19, 1984

Laudin, John S., 79, Philadelphia, Pa., May 23, 1984

Masonheimer, Mary E., 53, Harrisburg, Pa., July 10, 1984

McMillen, Lloyd W., 93, Acropolis, Ohio, Dec. 28, 1983

Mengel, Martha, 89, Palmyra, Pa., Dec. 7, 1983

Metz, Oda, 86, Union Bridge, Md., June 18, 1984

Milliken, Ray E., 58, Rocky Mount, Va., Apr. 24, 1984

Mosses, Ruth, 33, Dixon, Ill., July 30, 1984

Moustgomery, Charles D., 73, Boone Mill, Va., July 7, 1984

Munster, Marie, 90, Brookville, Ohio, July 19, 1984

Myers, Florence E., 87, McPherson, Kan., July 31, 1984

Noble, Helen, 76, Cordova, Md., Aug. 2, 1984

Oliver, Joseph, 83, Ashley, Ind., July 3, 1984

Oliver, Martin, 28, St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 27, 1983

Olman, George L., 81, Enders, Neb., Mar. 12, 1984

Owens, Mildred, 74, Roaring Spring, Pa., July 14, 1984

Payne, Blanche, 90, Dixon, Ill., Mar. 12, 1984

Purtee, Beulah, 90, Springfield, Ohio, Aug. 2, 1984

Ray, Nellie H., 73, Edgewater, Md., July 1, 1984

Rogge, Olive, 78, Martinsburg, Pa., June 6, 1984

Rhodes, Orville, 46, Martinsburg, Pa., May 23, 1984

Rike, Leroy, 68, Wooster, Ohio, June 13, 1984

Ritchey, Lyndel D., 65, Curryville, Pa., June 22, 1984

Road, Mary, 63, Springfield, Ohio, May 8, 1984

Rouse, Merian, 79, Goshen, Ind., May 14, 1984

Ross, Harold E., 78, Ashland, Ohio, Feb. 26, 1984

Sellers, Willard, 85, Bourbon, Ind., July 5, 1983

Smith, Isaac, 72, Palmyra, Pa., Sept. 28, 1983

Smith, Jacob N., 74, Palmyra, Pa., June 24, 1983

Smith, Matthew, 81, Palmyra, Pa., Sept. 11, 1983

Smith, William H., 66, Anzola, Pa., May 13, 1984

Sunder, Connie, 35, Hagerstown, Md., July 18, 1984

Swick, Bruce, 72, Palmyra, Pa., Feb. 27, 1984

Wiegand, Elizabeth, 81, Westminster, Md., Aug. 11, 1984

Weist, Ethel M., 73, Waynesboro, Pa., May 18, 1984

Winkle, Frances M., 77, Continental, Ohio, May 21, 1984

Basic to being Brethren

When missionary service afforded us the luxury of "international travel," a favorite experience for my wife and me was a London stopover in which we saw as many plays as we could work into our schedule. Our preference was the plays of Shakespeare.

Every time I see a professionally done Shakespeare play (including the ones on PBS-TV), I marvel again at a phenomenon that never fails to manifest itself: The play that was so difficult to understand in print becomes alive, understandable, and meaningful when spoken and acted. The obscure English and the convoluted sentences suddenly make sense. Whereas, it seems, once I was deaf, now I hear.

I experienced something of that same phenomenon the other day in a meeting of the General Board staff. Right now, in our regular staff meetings, we are studying the Book of Acts. Various staff members volunteer to be the teacher for a Bible study period that begins each staff meeting.

Bob Bowman was our teacher on this particular day. He took us through the Acts 3-4 story about Peter and John healing the lame man at the temple gate. Under Bob's guidance the printed word—two thousand years old—came alive, understandable, and meaningful. Of course, the simple story has never been difficult to grasp . . . superficially. Nothing like Shakespeare. But what impressed me was the new meanings that surfaced under Bob's light-hearted but skillful probing and directing. He demonstrated a knowledge of the historical context—customs of the temple, priestly hierarchy, Jerusalem politics, and liturgical language of the time—and a familiarity with various translations of the Bible.

We spent a spirited time looking at the Bible passage, with Bob raising questions even he couldn't answer to his satisfaction. "I tend to kick

up more dust than I settle," he explains.

I am not in the camp that insists the Bible is "inerrant." (After all, the Bible I have used for years has a typographical error in Deuteronomy 22:12!) I *am* in the camp that agrees with our Annual Conference Statement on Biblical Inspiration and Authority: "We affirm that the Bible, rightly interpreted, is a fully trustworthy guide for our lives."

I am not in the camp that betrays its "locked-in" approach to scripture by always prefacing its biblical arguments with the words, "The Bible says . . ." I can't see the Bible as a rule book to flip through to find out how to react to every situation I get into. Too many conflicting "rules" surface. I *am* in the camp that believes that the Scriptures, studied with an open, probing mind, can lend insight, inspiration, and guidance for our daily life . . . in a world that sorely needs the healing, saving gospel of Jesus Christ.

Last year we launched an educational program in the Church of the Brethren called "People of the Covenant." It was created in response to requests across the denomination for stronger nurturing of Bible study and spiritual growth. Begun in 1984 in the districts of Pacific Southwest, Southern Ohio, and West Marva, the innovative program is intended to cover all our districts by 1988.

When People of the Covenant comes your way, avail yourself of the opportunity for an exciting adventure in becoming more biblically informed, globally aware, and relationally sensitive to God, yourself, and your neighbor.

Bible study with open minds—searching for new insights and direction—was basic to the Brethren movement that began in Schwarzenau, Germany, in 1708. It should be basic to being Church of the Brethren in 1984. —K.T.

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turning points

166th BVS Orientation Unit

(Orientation completed Aug. 12, 1984)

Achor, Kathleen, Westminster, Md., to MESSENGER Staff, Elgin, Ill.

Burkey, Billi, Louisville, Ohio, to Family Crisis Center, Dundalk, Md.

Conroy, Teresa, Baltimore, Md., to Guadalupe Social Services, Immokalee, Fla.

Dibert, Earl, Chambersburg, Pa., to Concept 7 Family Services, Tustin, Calif.

Dibert, Mary, Chambersburg, Pa., to Concept 7 Family Services, Tustin, Calif.

Gural, Harry, Bedford, Mass., to Institute of Soil Science and Cultivation of Plants, Paulawy, Poland

Harshbarger, Jon, North Manchester, Ind., to The Open Door Community, Atlanta, Ga.

Hollinger, Rae Ann, Elizabethtown, Pa., to Friendship Day Care Center, Hutchinson, Kan.

Huleatt, Martin, Farmington, Pa., to Menno House Repair, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Junker, Gene, Boyd, Wis., to Camp Courageous, Monticello, Iowa

Loomis, Heidi, Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa., to Eagle Valley Environmentalists, Apple River, Ill.

Mast, Susan, Lancaster, Pa., assignment pending

Moore, Michael, Newark, Del., assignment pending

Palmer, Kent, Jacksonville, Ill., to Menno House Repair, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Pierce, Matthew, Battle Creek, Mich., to Kentucky Mountain Housing, Manchester, Ky.

Rupel, Kirsten, Stockton, Calif.,

to Church and Peace, Butzbach, West Germany

Soth, Caroline, Cuxhaven, West Germany, to Concept 7 Family Services, Tustin, Calif.

Stacey, Ronald, Duncanville, Pa., to Lead-a-Hand, Walker, Ky.

Wenzel, Ronald, Elizabethtown, Pa., to Roanoke Church of the Brethren, Roanoke, La.

Wenzel, Sylvia, Elizabethtown, Pa., to Roanoke Church of the Brethren, Roanoke, La.

Wood, Charles, Thorp, Wis., to Camp Courageous, Monticello, Iowa.

Licensing/Ordination

Abshire, William E., licensed June 3, 1984, Boones Mill, Virginia

Boother, Fannie W., licensed July 15, 1984, Oakvale, Virginia

Frazier, Steven R., ordained July 22, 1984, Henry Fork, Virginia

Riley, Bobby A., ordained May 20, 1984, Mount Joy, Virginia

Roop, Calvin M., licensed July 29, 1984, Pipe Creek, Mid-Atl.

Stovall, Earl F., ordained May 20, 1984, Saunders Grove, Virginia

Pastoral Placement

Anderson, Ken, to Cajon Valley, Pacific S.W.

Bosserman, Willis O., from Pymont, So./Central Ind., to Jacksonville, Fla./P.R., part-time

Brant, Woodrow B., from Pandora, No. Plains, to Greenwood and Mountain Grove,

So. Missouri/Ark.

Crago, Florence, from Colorado Springs Fellowship, W. Plains, to Toledo, Heatherdowns, No. Ohio, interim

Crago, Glen, from Colorado Springs Fellowship, W. Plains, to Toledo, Heatherdowns, No. Ohio, interim

Griffith, Edith C., to Hiwassee and Pulaski, Virginia, interim part-time

Hartwell, Jerry L., from Whittier, Valley View, Pacific S.W., to Live Oak, Pacific S.W.

Leamer, David, to Canaan, Western Pa., part-time

Martin, Edgar S., to Christiansburg, Virginia, interim

Miller, Howard A., from Columbia, Oakland Mills Unit, Mid-Atl., to York, First, Southern Pa.

Richey, Ronald, to Leamersville, Middle Pa.

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